

Grammar summary | UNIT 1

EXERCISES

Do activity

1 Choose the best options to complete the sentences.

- I haven't *had / been having* this book for very long. In fact I've *already / just* bought it.
- We've *owned / been owning* this car for / *since* three years.
- I used to see Peter every morning on the train, but I haven't *seen / been seeing* him recently / *yet*.
- Have you *lived / been living* in this house for / *just* a long time?
- Are you *still working / Have you worked* on your project or have you *already / since* finished it?
- She's *arrived / been arriving* at the office late yet / *all* week.
- I've *tried / been trying* to find my keys for / *since* an hour.
- I haven't *used / been using* my computer *since / all* last Tuesday.

2 Rewrite these sentences in the present perfect continuous. Use the verb and time expressions in brackets.

- My sister repairs bicycles. She started when she was a kid. (repair, since)
My sister _____.
- James is using the washing machine again. He's used the washing machine every day this week. (use, all)
James _____.
- How much longer until we get to New York? We left London five hours ago. (fly, already, for)
How much longer until we get to New York? We _____.
- Aren't they hungry? They started work at nine o'clock (work, since)
Aren't they hungry? They _____.
- I live in this apartment. I moved here twelve months ago. (live, all)
I've _____.

3 Choose the correct form of the verb.

- I'd never *been using / used* Skype before you suggested it.
- He'd *been starting / started* saving for his daughter's university education before she finished primary school.
- They hadn't *been turning on / turned on* their air conditioning once in five years, so they got rid of it.
- You'd *been working / You've been working* there for ten years by the time you left, hadn't you?
- Until I bumped into Alexi last week, I *didn't see / hadn't seen* her since we left university.
- It's going well but we *haven't finished / didn't finish* painting the bedroom yet.

4 Complete the sentences using the future perfect simple or continuous form of the verb.

- How long _____ (we / drive) by the time we reach Los Angeles?
- She _____ (not complete) her degree before she starts her job.
- By the time I retire next month I _____ (not have) a single day off in ten years.
- I don't think we need to rush. Jason and Jessie _____ (not arrive) yet.
- By the end of this afternoon, you _____ (talk) for about three hours, so your voice will need a rest.
- _____ (you / study) English for six years by the time you move to New York?
- I need to speak to Claire. Do you think they _____ (finish) the meeting by now?
- Ross _____ (not see) the new Bond film already, will he?

5 Complete the text using the correct perfect form of the verb. Use the continuous where possible.

My partner and I ¹ _____ (just / decide) to have an adventure and go sailing around the world. In a year we ² _____ (sell) our house where we ³ _____ (live) for 18 years now, and if all goes well, we ⁴ _____ (sail) for a month by this time next year. I'm excited because until we started planning this trip I ⁵ _____ (never do) anything adventurous, even though before our first child was born ⁶ _____ (talk) about doing something like this. We ⁷ _____ (have) sailing lessons for 18 months now but we ⁸ _____ (not complete) our training for another 6 months.

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- I know Simon for six years.

- They're working in this office since 2012.

- Have you been talking for long before your phone died?

- I already posted the letter before I realized the address was wrong.

- By this time tomorrow, I finish my final exam.

- By the end of September, I have been walking to work every day for ten years.
