3.4 Grammar

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Present Perfect Simple

I've made tablet cases for eight people. (focus on the result)
I haven't found anything I like. (focus on the result)

Present Perfect Continuous

She's been looking for a present for weeks. (focus on the activity)
I've been taking photos of all the cases. (focus on the ongoing action)

For* and *since

I've been looking for a cool case for my tablet for ages.
I've been very busy since Amy's birthday.

Note: with state verbs (*know, understand,* etc.), we only use the Present Perfect Simple.

1 ● Match the sentence halves.

1 [b] Alexa has bought a
2 [ ] We've been planning
3 [ ] Mum and Dad have told
4 [ ] I've made
5 [ ] Riley and Ava have known
6 [ ] Caleb has been wearing

a each other since primary school.
b ~~costume for the party.~~
c me to wear smarter clothes.
d a bracelet. Do you like it?
e that cap all weekend.
f the fashion show for weeks.

2 ●● Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 How long *have you been dyeing* (you/dye) your hair?
2 Kyla _____ (look for) a new raincoat for ages.
3 How long _____ (you/have) those ankle boots?
4 Mum and Dad _____ (talk) about where to go on holiday all morning.
5 I _____ (not post) anything on social media since September.
6 Sally _____ (wear) sandals all summer.

3 ●● Use the prompts to make sentences. Use the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous and add *for* or *since* if necessary.

1 I / send / three emails / today
I've sent three emails today.
2 how long / you / have / dyed hair / ?
_____
3 Jia / wear / glasses / January
_____
4 how long / you / study / fashion / ?
_____
5 Mark and Jill / like / heavy metal music / years
_____

4 ●●● Complete the text with the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous form of the verbs below.

be ~~buy~~ make recycle send use wear



Action Point Clothing

Imagine the situation. You [1] *'ve bought* a new jacket because you [2] _____ your old one for years. What happens to your old jacket? Do you throw it away or take it to a charity shop?

One new business in South London has the answer. Action Point Clothing [3] _____ old clothes for five years. They [4] _____ over 200 new items of clothing by transforming old clothes into more modern versions. What's more, they [5] _____ half of their profits to train young people how to design clothes.

So how does it work? 'We started off with a competition for young people to design clothes and then we used the winning designs on the clothes we received to make them fashionable again,' says company CEO Laura Bauer. 'Since then, there [6] _____ no shortage of new designs. The young people at our local school [7] _____ us new designs every week!'

I can understand the difference between the Present Perfect Simple and Continuous.
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