

Complete the sentences. Use the present progressive or the present perfect progressive.

1. I (sit) _____ in class right now. I (sit) _____ here since one o'clock.

2. Kate is standing at the corner. She (wait) _____ for the bus. She (wait) _____ for the bus for twenty minutes.

3. Scott and Rebecca (talk) _____ on the phone right now.

- They (talk) _____ on the phone for over an hour.

4. Right now we're in class. We (do) _____ an exercise. We _____ (do) this exercise for a couple of minutes.

5. A: You look busy right now. What (you, do) _____?

B: I (work) _____ on my physics experiment. It's a long and difficult experiment.

A: How long (you, work) _____ on it?

B: I started planning it last January. I (work) _____ on it since then.

Use the present perfect or the present perfect progressive.

A: I'm tired. We (walk) _____ for more than an hour.

Let's stop and rest for a while!

B: Okay.

2. A: Is the post office far from here?

B: Not at all. I (walk) _____ there many times.

A: Do you like it here?

B: I (live) _____ here for only a short time. I don't know, yet.

4. A: I (read) _____ this chapter in my chemistry text three times, and I still don't understand it!

B: Maybe I can help.

5. A: My eyes are getting tired. I (read) _____ for two hours. I think I'll take a break.

B: Why don't we go for a walk?

6. A: Do you like the Edgewater Inn?

B: Very much. I (stay) _____ there at least a dozen times. It's my favourite hotel.

A: The baby's crying. Shouldn't we do something?

B: He's all right.

A: Are you sure? He (cry) _____ for almost ten minutes.

B: Okay. I'll go into his room and see if anything's wrong.

8. A: Who's your daughter's new teacher?

B: Mrs. Jackson.

A: She's one of the best teachers at the elementary school. She (teach) _____ kindergarten for twenty years.

9. A: Ed (play) _____ tennis for ten years, but he still doesn't have a good backhand.

B: Neither do I, and I (play) _____ tennis for twenty years.

10. A: Where does Mr. Alvarez work?

B: At the power company. He (work) _____ there for fifteen years. He likes his job.

A: What about his neighbour, Mr. Perez?

B: He's currently unemployed, but he'll find a new job.

A: What kind of job experience does he have?

B: He (work) _____ for a small manufacturing firm, for the telephone company, and at two of the world's leading software companies.

With all that work experience, he won't have any trouble finding another job.

Ask questions using the words in brackets. Use the present perfect simple (have/has done) or continuous (have/has been doing).

1 You have a friend who is learning Arabic. You ask:

(how long / learn / Arabic?) _____ Arabic?

2 You have just arrived to meet a friend. She is waiting for you. You ask:

(wait / long?) Have _____

3 You see somebody fishing by the river. You ask:

(catch / any fish?) _____

4 Some friends of yours are having a party next week. You ask:

(how many people / invite?) _____

5 A friend of yours is a teacher. You ask:

(how long / teach?) _____

6 You meet somebody who is a writer. You ask:

(how many books / write?) _____

(how long / write / books?) _____

7 A friend of yours is saving money to go on a world trip. You ask:

(how long / save?) _____

(how much money / save?) _____

Put the verb into the present perfect simple or continuous.

1 Where have you been? _____ (you / play) tennis?

2 Look! (somebody / break) _____ that window.

3 You look tired. (you / work) _____ hard?

4 ‘(you / ever / work) _____ in a factory?’ ‘No, never.’

5 Where’s Lisa? Where _____ (she / go)?

6 This is a very old book. (I / have) _____ it since I was a child.

7 'Have you been busy?' 'No, (I / watch) _____TV.'

8 My brother is an actor. (he / appear) _____ in several films.

9 'Sorry I'm late.' 'That's all right. (I / not / wait) _____long.'

10 Are you OK? You look as if _____(you / cry).

11 'Is it still raining?' 'No, _____(it / stop).'

12 The children are tired now. (they / play) _____in the garden.

13 (I / lose) _____my phone. (you / see) _____it?

14 (I / read) _____the book you lent me, but (I / not / finish)
_____it yet. It's really interesting.

15 (I / read) _____the book you lent me, so you can have it back now.