2D Grammar

Present perfect simple and continuous

I can use the present perfect simple and continuous correctly.

1 Complete the text with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs below.

ask attract focus get not go
post not update visit write

Purple POPCORN

Sam Delaney, a student at Imperial College London, [1]_____ film reviews since he was eleven years old. At first, he posted them on Facebook, but for the past four years, he [2]_____ them on his own website – Purple Popcorn. The website [3]_____ the attention of the media recently, since it emerged that several Hollywood producers [4]_____ it to read his reviews. 'They've finally noticed me,' says Sam, proudly. 'They [5]_____ if they can put lines from my reviews on their own websites and adverts.'

Since September, Sam [6]_____ his site very often. That's because he [7]_____ to the cinema very much while he's preparing for exams. 'I [8]_____ on my university work,' he says. Even so, his website [9]_____ a lot of hits thanks to a growing number of followers on Twitter.

2 Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets and *for* or *since*.

1 She _____ (collect) badges _____ ten years. She's got thousands!
2 _____ (you / learn) Japanese _____ a long time?
3 I'm going home. I _____ (not feel) well _____ this morning.
4 My sister _____ (drink) coffee _____ most of the evening and now she can't sleep!
5 I don't know why he's being so impatient. He _____ (not wait) _____ long.
6 I should do well in my exams. I _____ (work) hard _____ the start of term.

3 Circle the correct answers.

1 You're two hours late! What ___ all afternoon?
a have you done **b** have you been doing
2 This farm ___ to our family for two centuries.
a has belonged **b** has been belonging
3 'I sent you an email.' 'Really? I ___ it.'
a haven't received **b** haven't been receiving
4 Is Tom OK? I ___ him three times this week, but he hasn't replied.
a 've texted **b** 've been texting
5 ___ my popcorn? The box is half empty!
a Have you eaten **b** Have you been eating
6 Is dinner ready yet? You ___ for hours!
a 've cooked **b** 've been cooking
7 I'm really enjoying this novel, but I ___ all of it.
a haven't understood **b** haven't been understanding
8 My dad ___ his car. He goes everywhere by bike now.
a has sold **b** has been selling

4 Complete the replies with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1 **A** Have you finished that history project?
B No, I haven't. And I _____ (do) it all day!
2 **A** Why are your hands so dirty?
B I _____ (try) to repair my bike.
3 **A** Did your brother forget about football practice?
B Yes. And I _____ (remind) him three times this week!
4 **A** Did you write a letter to the town council?
B Yes, but I _____ (not send) it.
5 **A** Are those potatoes ready yet?
B No, they aren't. How long _____ _____ (we / cook) them?
6 **A** Has Billy replied to your messages yet?
B No, he hasn't. And I _____ (text) him five times!
7 **A** You're nearly an hour late. What _____ _____ (you / do)?
B Sorry. I was asleep!
8 **A** This film doesn't make sense. Why are the police chasing that man?
B I don't know. I _____ (not watch).

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