

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE APP?

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS

Read *What's your favourite app?* below and answer the questions.

Which app ... ?

- 1 is good for music lovers
- 2 helps you learn about the stars
- 3 keeps you interested because you can keep improving
- 4 helps busy people organise themselves
- 5 helps you create and keep photos online
- 6 helps you make funny photos
- 7 is useful if you've got too many apps on your phone
- 8 records your fitness information

I've just installed the ThingsToDo app. It's so easy to use – which is really important when you've got lots of things to do and not much time! You just create a list and then add items to it. Once a week it sends you a list of everything you've done. **Juan**

Have you heard about SkyWatch? It's great. You just point your phone at the night sky and it tells you what the stars are. You can also type in the name of a planet and the program tells you where to look for it. **Katya**

I love Imagegram and I've been using it more and more recently. You can use different effects to make photos look different, like old-fashioned photos, or with brighter colours. Then you can store them online and share them with your friends. **Paul**

My favourite game at the moment is Balloon Pop. You select groups of coloured balloons and pop them. I've been playing it on the bus every day, because I always want to get to the next level – it's very addictive!

Enzo

ActivityTracker is a great app for running. You just press the start button when you begin your workout and the app records your speed, distance and heart rate. After the workout, you can then upload your information to social networking websites and compare with your friends. I've never found an app as good as this before. **Fay**

I've just downloaded Tunespotter. If you hear a song you like but you don't know what it is, you can use this app. It identifies the name of the song and the singer. And if you like it, you can buy the song really easily. I've had it for a week and I've been using it a lot. **Martin**

StopApp is a really useful app and I've been recommending it to all my friends. If too many apps are open on your phone, your phone can be really slow. This app turns them off, which can make your phone faster. **Anna**

I've been using Crazy Faces a lot recently. It's very silly, but it's fun. You just take photos of your friends and then you can change their faces. You can make them look older or younger, fatter or thinner, and you can add beards, moustaches and glasses. I've seen lots of photos where people have put baby faces on adult bodies and they make me laugh every time! **Luke**

GRAMMAR

Read sentences a–d. Then answer questions 1–5.

- a **I've seen** photos where people have baby faces on adult bodies.
- b **I've been playing** it on the bus every day.
- c **I've been recommending** it to all my friends.
- d **I've just installed** the ThingsToDo app.

- 1 Which sentences use the present perfect continuous?
- 2 Which sentence talks about one completed past activity (without mentioning a time)?
- 3 Which sentence talks about something the speaker has experienced?
- 4 Which sentences talk about activities which started in the past and are not finished yet?
- 5 Which sentences talk about something which happened regularly or more than once?

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

- 1 I _____ a new phone. (just/buy)
- 2 I _____ for my own name online. (never/search)
- 3 I _____ a lot of films in the last two weeks. (watch)
- 4 I _____ for a new tablet, but I haven't got enough money yet. (save up)
- 5 I _____ about not using my smartphone for a few weeks, just to see if I can survive! (think)

 **131** **Pronunciation** Listen to sentences 1–4 and underline the correct words in the rule.

1 I've used an app.	3 I've been using an app.
2 I haven't used an app.	4 I've just been using an app.

In present perfect sentences, we usually stress the *main verb / auxiliary verb*. If it is a negative sentence, or we add a word like *just*, then we *also / don't* stress the main verb.

Match the pairs.

1 I've had	a tennis lessons for a month.
2 I've been having	b this car for a year.
3 I've just read this book.	d I thought it was amazing.
4 I've been reading this book.	c I can't wait to finish it.
5 Have you eaten	e properly recently? You look very thin!
6 Have you been eating	f lunch yet?

Complete the sentences using the words in brackets and the present perfect continuous.

- 1 The baby's face is dirty because she's been eating. (she / eat)
- 2 He's tired because _____. (he / cut / the grass)
- 3 They're stressed because _____. (they / try / to fix the computer)
- 4 I'm hot because _____. (I / cook)
- 5 We're all wet because _____. (it / rain)
- 6 They've got muddy shoes because _____. (they / play / outside)

Underline the best verb form in each sentence.

- 1 Angela's on the phone right now – *she's talked / she's been talking* to one of her friends for the last two hours!
- 2 *I've just found / I've just been finding* my glasses. I'm so happy! I lost them two days ago.
- 3 *I've known / I've been knowing* Jon for about 15 years.
- 4 I'm so tired. *I've worked / I've been working* since 7 o'clock this morning.
- 5 I can't drive, but *I've wanted / I've been wanting* to learn for a long time.
- 6 *They've studied / They've been studying* every night recently because they have an exam next week.