

Grammar **present perfect simple and continuous**

**a** Complete the dialogue with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or continuous.



DOCTOR So, what seems to be the problem?

PATIENT Well, for about a week now I <sup>1</sup> 've been feeling quite dizzy. I even thought I was going to faint once or twice. (**feel**)

DOCTOR I see. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ normally? (**you / eat**)

PATIENT Well, to tell you the truth I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ much of an appetite recently. I'm just not hungry. (**not have**)

DOCTOR You need to try to eat regularly, you know, even if you're not hungry.

PATIENT I know, but I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to eat anything. (**not want**).

DOCTOR Hmm. Any other symptoms? <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ headaches or any other aches or pains? (**you / have**)

PATIENT Well, I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my blood pressure three times this week, and it's a little bit high. (**take**)

DOCTOR I'll check that in a minute. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ harder than usual? (**you / work**)

PATIENT Yes, I suppose I have. This is a very important time of the year for us and things <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ incredibly busy recently. I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ home very late, and to be honest I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very well for the last few days. (**be, get, not sleep**)

DOCTOR I think you <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I want you to take a week off work, and have a complete rest. (**overwork**)

PATIENT I can't possibly have a week off at the moment. I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to head of department. (**just / be promote**).

DOCTOR Well, I'm afraid they'll just have to manage without you. You can't play around with your health.

**b** Write questions with either the present perfect simple or continuous.

1 I didn't know Agnes was ill. How long has she been in hospital? (**be**)

2 Sorry I'm late! How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_? (**wait**)

3 So Jack is your oldest friend? How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ him? (**know**)

4 Is that your new car! How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ it? (**have**).

5 Your English is very good. How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ it? (**learn**).

6 I haven't seen you before. How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to this school? (**come**)