Practice

1 **Choose the correct words in *italics*. In two places both answers are possible.**

0 Jake doesn't have any family. He's always *lived* / *been living* on his own.
1 He never answers the phone. I've *called* / *been calling* six times!
2 Sorry I'm so late. I've *waited* / *been waiting* for a call from the New York office.
3 Debbie knows Seattle really well. She's *lived* / *been living* there for two years.
4 I'm afraid the house is a mess. We've *decorated* / *been decorating* it.
5 Look at the new garden lights. Sam's just *turned* / *been turning* them on.
6 Carol's an expert on economics. She's *studied* / *been studying* it for years.
7 Harry's an old friend of mine. I've *known* / *been knowing* him since we were kids.
8 Marking essays is hard work. I've *marked* / *been marking* twenty this evening.
9 I'm curious about the food here. I haven't *tried* / *been trying* Mexican food before.
10 I hate cabbage. I've never *liked* / *been liking* it.

3 GRAMMAR IN USE **Complete the conversation with suitable forms of the words in brackets.**
3.16 Listen and check.

ROY You look tired. (0) Have you been working (you work) all day?
BEN Not exactly, I (1) ..... (do) some research on the Internet. I (2) ..... (try) to get some information about one of our old friends from college.
ROY Who?
BEN Dave Colston. Do you remember him?
ROY Yes. I (3) ..... (not see) him for years! But what do you want to find out?
BEN Well. I (4) ..... (just get) an email from Philip Markham. He wants to get in touch with Dave but he doesn't know where he is now. He thinks Dave (5) ..... (live) in the Far East for the last few years.
ROY Yes. I remember he was always interested in oriental philosophy.
BEN Exactly. I (6) ..... (look at) six or seven different websites already, but I (7) ..... (not find) much information.
ROY (8) ..... (you try) that website that reunites old college friends?
BEN Yes. I (9) ..... (already look at) that one, but he's not on it. I posted a message for some of his other friends on some other websites and I (10) ..... (wait) for a reply. But so far I've heard nothing ...

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