

## PRESENT PERFECT AND PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS HOMEWORK

### 20 Present perfect simple or present perfect continuous?

- We use the present perfect continuous to put emphasis on how long an activity has been going on.

*Harry has been selling homemade cakes at the school fete all morning.*

(= the emphasis is on how long he has been doing this activity)

- We use the present perfect simple to put emphasis on the result of the activity, or what we have achieved through it.

*Harry has sold eighteen cakes so far.*

(= the emphasis is on the result of the activity; that is, how many cakes he has sold)

- Sometimes we can use either tense without changing the meaning of the sentence.

*I have lived here for three years.*

*I have been living here for three years.*

- State verbs do not have a continuous form.

*She has known Martha for two years. ✓*

~~*She's been knowing Martha for two years. X*~~

### 21 Complete with the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

- A: How long ..... *have* ..... you ..... *been playing* ..... (play) this game?

B: Half an hour, and I ..... *have* ..... already ..... *gone up* ..... (go up) four levels!
- A: My friend, Nastasia, ..... (appear) in three films so far.

B: I'm happy for her. I ..... *always* ..... (think) she was a very talented actress.
- A: We ..... (walk) in circles for the last half hour! What's the name of the restaurant?

We could ask someone where it is.

B: I don't know. I ..... (forget) it!
- A: Mark ..... (try) to call you all day, but your mobile ..... (be) busy.

B: That's strange. I ..... (not use) my mobile at all today.
- A: Julia and Daisy ..... (pick) strawberries for two hours now.

B: Really? They ..... *are* ..... only ..... (fill) one small basket!

Read and complete. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

## TeenLink

### The Work Files

#### The Game Master by Harry Davis

This week, let's meet Ian Brody. Ian has a dream job: he's a video game developer.



**TeenLink:** Ian, How long <sup>1</sup> *have you been doing* ..... (you / do) this job?

**Ian:** I <sup>2</sup> ..... (work) in this area for six years now.

**TeenLink:** Is it something <sup>3</sup> ..... (always / want) to do?

**Ian:** Absolutely. I feel I'm a very lucky guy. I just get paid to do what I <sup>4</sup> ..... (love) all my life.

**TeenLink:** How many games <sup>5</sup> ..... (you / develop) so far?

**Ian:** It's not a one-man job, you know. There are teams of people doing different things. Well, my team and I <sup>6</sup> ..... (work) on our last project for eighteen months now. It's nearly ready.

**TeenLink:** <sup>7</sup> ..... (you / ever produce) a game that was a big success?

**Ian:** Of course we have. It's called 'The Big Chase'.

**TeenLink:** Great! I <sup>8</sup> ..... (play) that game for three months now, but I'm stuck on level 11. Have you got any tips?

**Ian:** Sure – but only if you promise to keep them a secret...