Present Simple, Present Continuous, Present Perfect Simple, Present Perfect Continuous – Uses

Read the sentences. Match each sentence to the use it shows. Write the correct letter next to each sentence.

She has just tidied her room.	a) action that happened at an unstated time in the past
Helen is studying at the moment.	b) general truths or laws of nature
She works as a nurse.	c) Changing or developing situations
He is dirty. He has been playing in the mud.	d) life experience
They have been friends for twenty years.	e) fixed arrangements in the near future
He has lost his keys.	f) to express anger, annoyance, irritation or criticism
I have never seen a lion.	g) recently completed action
Sue is getting married at 3 this afternoon.	h) action happening at the moment of speaking
Who has been using my toothbrush?	i) sport commentary
Money doesn't buy happiness.	j) Permanent state
The plane to London takes off at 6:50 am.	k) action that started in the past and continues up to the present
More people are recycling trash nowadays.	l) timetable
Tim kicks the ball and scores a goal.	m) action that started in the past and lasted for some time. It may still be continuing or have finished but it has left a visible result in the present.

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