

## 2D

### Grammar

## Present perfect simple and continuous

*I can use the present perfect simple and continuous correctly.*

1 Complete the text with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs below.

ask attract focus get not go  
post not update visit write

## Purple POPCORN

Sam Delaney, a student at Imperial College London,  film reviews since he was eleven years old. At first, he posted them on Facebook, but for the past four years, he  them on his own website – Purple Popcorn. The website  the attention of the media recently, since it emerged that several Hollywood producers  it to read his reviews. 'They've finally noticed me,' says Sam, proudly. 'They  if they can put lines from my reviews on their own websites and adverts.'

Since September, Sam  his site very often. That's because he  to the cinema very much while he's preparing for exams. 'I  on my university work,' he says. Even so, his website  a lot of hits thanks to a growing number of followers on Twitter.

2 Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets and *for* or *since*.

- 1 She  (collect) badges  ten years. She's got thousands!
- 2  (you / learn) Japanese  a long time?
- 3 I'm going home. I  (not feel) well  this morning.
- 4 My sister  (drink) coffee  most of the evening and now she can't sleep!
- 5 I don't know why he's being so impatient. He  (not wait)  long.
- 6 I should do well in my exams. I  (work) hard  the start of term.

3 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 You're two hours late! What  all afternoon?  
a) have you done      b) have you been doing
- 2 This farm  to our family for two centuries.  
a) has belonged      b) has been belonging
- 3 I sent you an email. 'Really? I  it.'  
a) haven't received      b) haven't been receiving
- 4 Is Tom OK? I  him three times this week, but he hasn't replied.  
a) 've texted      b) 've been texting
- 5  my popcorn? The box is half empty!  
a) Have you eaten      b) Have you been eating
- 6 Is dinner ready yet? You  for hours!  
a) 've cooked      b) 've been cooking
- 7 I'm really enjoying this novel, but I  all of it.  
a) haven't understood      b) haven't been understanding
- 8 My dad  his car. He goes everywhere by bike now.  
a) has sold      b) has been selling

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

- 1 A Have you finished that history project?  
B No, I haven't. And I  (do) it all day!
- 2 A Why are your hands so dirty?  
B I  (try) to repair my bike.
- 3 A Did your brother forget about football practice?  
B Yes. And I  (remind) him three times this week!
- 4 A Did you write a letter to the town council?  
B Yes, but I  (not send) it.
- 5 A Are those potatoes ready yet?  
B No, they aren't. How long  (we / cook) them?
- 6 A Has Billy replied to your messages yet?  
B No, he hasn't. And I  (text) him five times!
- 7 A You're nearly an hour late. What  (you / do)?  
B Sorry. I was asleep!
- 8 A This film doesn't make sense. Why are the police chasing that man?  
B I don't know. I  (not watch).