

## GRAMMAR: Present perfect continuous and present perfect

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- Ed has \_\_\_\_ his friend's birthday every year for the last 40 years.  
a remembered      b been remembering
- How long have you \_\_\_\_ studying today?  
a been      b been spending
- Gaby has \_\_\_\_ the house all morning.  
a cleaned      b been cleaning
- I hope you haven't \_\_\_\_ very long.  
a waiting      b been waiting
- Rex has \_\_\_\_ a member of this club for almost five years.  
a been      b been being
- My parents have \_\_\_\_ this house since 1998.  
a owned      b been owning
- I'm so tired – I've \_\_\_\_ wood for the fire.  
a chopped      b been chopping
- What has Marta \_\_\_\_? She's covered in mud!  
a done      b been doing

2 Complete the conversation with the verbs in the box. Use the present perfect continuous or present perfect form.

practice know mean have  
take not learn play

**Federika** Hey, Adam! Is that your guitar? I didn't know you played.

**Adam** Well I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for very long, and I'm not very good yet. You have a guitar, too, don't you?

**Federika** Yes, I do. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it since I was four. In fact, my band has a concert next week – do you want to come?

**Adam** Sure, I'd love to. Are you nervous about playing?

**Federika** A bit. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks, but some of the songs are really difficult, and I'm still getting used to my new guitar. I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it for a couple of months now, but it still feels strange. By the way, do you have a teacher?

**Adam** Well, I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ classes with a man my sister recommended, but I don't like him that much. Do you know anyone good?

**Federika** You should try Fergus Jones. I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ him for years, and he's great. In fact, I'll call him for you if you'd like – I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to get in touch with him for ages.

## VOCABULARY: Education


3 Read the sentences and check (✓) True or False.

1 Students usually have to pay to go to a public school.	True	False
2 A term is a period of time when students are in school.	True	False
3 You become a graduate when you start studying at a college.	True	False
4 Principals teach the oldest children in a school.	True	False
5 If you cheat on an exam, you do something that is not allowed.	True	False
6 "Taking notes" means getting written information from your teacher.	True	False
7 If you hand in work, you give it to your teacher.	True	False
8 Students are likely to get into trouble if they don't do their homework.	True	False
9 A schedule is a list of school dates, but not times.	True	False
10 Children usually start elementary school when they are 16.	True	False

4 Complete the sentences with education words.

- The students behave in Mr. Gallagher's class. They have to, because he is very s\_\_\_\_\_.
- My girlfriend teaches politics in college. She's a l\_\_\_\_\_.
- Lola isn't at home during the semester because she goes to b\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_.
- Gustavo's at the University of São Paulo doing a d\_\_\_\_\_ in Engineering.
- Samira's studying in the library because she has to r\_\_\_\_\_ her notes for an important exam.
- Anna's daughter is three, so she just started n\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_.
- Ian's parents saved all their money in order to send him to a p\_\_\_\_\_ s\_\_\_\_\_.
- Ben worked really hard on his essay, and his teacher gave him a g\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_.
- Astrid had to take her exams again because she f\_\_\_\_\_ them the first time.
- We get our g\_\_\_\_\_ next week – I'm so nervous because I need to pass this course!

## PRONUNCIATION: Weak form of *been*

5  6.4 Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the pronunciation of *been* and the way the words are stressed.

- She hasn't been married for long.
- I've been hoping to meet her.
- The children have been playing.
- Have you been talking to Luca?
- Veronica's been complaining again.
- Kyle's been having problems at work.