

GRAMMAR: Present perfect continuous and present perfect

1 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Ed has _____ his friend's birthday every year for the last 40 years.
a remembered b been remembering
- 2 How long have you _____ studying today?
a been b been spending
- 3 Gaby has _____ the house all morning.
a cleaned b been cleaning
- 4 I hope you haven't _____ very long.
a waiting b been waiting
- 5 Rex has _____ a member of this club for almost five years.
a been b been being
- 6 My parents have _____ this house since 1998.
a owned b been owning
- 7 I'm so tired – I've _____ wood for the fire.
a chopped b been chopping
- 8 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 ¹ _____ for very long, and I'm not very good yet. You have a guitar, too, don't you?

Federika Yes, I do. I ² _____ 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 ³ _____ for weeks, but some of the songs are really difficult, and I'm still getting used to my new guitar. I ⁴ _____ it for a couple of months now, but it still feels strange. By the way, do you have a teacher?

Adam Well, I ⁵ _____ 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 ⁶ _____ him for years, and he's great. In fact, I'll call him for you if you'd like – I ⁷ _____ 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.

- 1 The students behave in Mr. Gallagher's class. They have to, because he is very s_____.
- 2 My girlfriend teaches politics in college. She's a l_____.
- 3 Lola isn't at home during the semester because she goes to b_____s.
- 4 Gustavo's at the University of São Paulo doing a d_____ in Engineering.
- 5 Samira's studying in the library because she has to r_____ her notes for an important exam.
- 6 Anna's daughter is three, so she just started n_____s.
- 7 Ian's parents saved all their money in order to send him to a p_____s.
- 8 Ben worked really hard on his essay, and his teacher gave him a g_____g_____.
- 9 Astrid had to take her exams again because she f_____ them the first time.
- 10 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.

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