

Continuous Tenses Review

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 He **hasn't been working** / **hadn't been working** for long when he made a discovery.
- 2 Jack hasn't always been a sales representative. Last year, he **was working** / **has been working** as a waiter.
- 3 The TV is flashing on and off. How long **is it doing** / **has it been doing** that?
- 4 **You're always looking** / **You've always been looking** at your phone! Put it down for once!
- 5 The battery **has been charging** / **is charging** for ages. I think it's OK to use it now.
- 6 We **are wondering** / **had been wondering** how the machine worked from the moment we bought it.
- 7 Life in the past was harder because people **haven't been using** / **weren't using** advanced technology then.
- 8 There's something wrong with the remote control; it **isn't working** / **wasn't working**.

2 Put the verbs into the correct continuous tense to complete the dialogues.

- 1 'What's wrong with the printer?' 'I don't know, but it _____ that strange noise all day, so I've called a technician.' (**make**)
- 2 'I _____ on a difficult maths equation at the moment. Can you help me?' 'Sure, let me see. Oh, it's quite simple really.' (**work**)
- 3 'There was a line of people outside the Apple Store last night.' 'I wonder what they _____ there.' (**do**)
- 4 'I'm so sorry! _____ for long?' 'No, no. I got here just a few minutes ago.' (**wait**)
- 5 'Have they booked their flight for the seminar?' 'Yes, they _____ out to New York on Thursday.' (**fly**)
- 6 'Did Charlie finally get some sleep?' 'Yes, but he _____ for hours before I made him go to bed.' (**study**)

3 Put the verbs into the correct continuous tense to complete the sentences.

- 1 Henry went online at 8 am. When he logged off at 8 pm, he _____ the internet for 12 hours! (**surf**)
- 2 She's busy with an idea for a great app. She _____ it for three months. (**develop**)
- 3 I saw two men with a big package outside your house yesterday. _____ your widescreen TV? (**deliver**)
- 4 Of course you can check your emails on my tablet. I _____ it at the moment. (**not use**)
- 5 I usually watch TV in my room until quite late. It's bad because I _____ enough sleep lately. (**not get**)
- 6 There was a robot at the technology exhibition. It _____ me when it fell over. (**follow**)
- 7 Most of the shop assistants are in a meeting. They _____ customers now. (**not serve**)
- 8 Oh? You're a computer programmer at Google? How long _____ code before you started there? (**write**)