Practice

1 Match sentences 1 and 2 with their meanings, A or B, in each pair.

1	1	I've been reading the book you lent me on genetics.	A I've finished the book. B I'm still reading the book.
	2	I've read the book you lent me on genetics.	
2	1	The firm gives company cars to junior managers.	A This is the company's usual policy. It's unlikely to change.
	2	The firm has been giving company cars to junior managers.	B This isn't the company's usual policy. It may change.
3	1	Something has been killing the rabbits in the woods.	A There are no rabbits left in the woods.
	2	Something has killed the rabbits in the woods.	B There are some rabbits left in the woods.
4	1	Monsanto has placed an advert in the last four *Sunday Times* newspapers.	A This was a number of repeated actions.
	2	Monsanto has been placing adverts in the national press.	B This is a continuing publicity campaign.
5	1	'Hi, Fiona. What a mess! Have you been decorating?'	A Fiona is in the middle of decorating.
	2	'Hi, Fiona. This room looks great! Have you decorated it?'	B Fiona isn't decorating any more.
6	1	A group of us have learnt how to play bridge.	A We're still learning. B We can play it now.
	2	A group of us have been learning how to play bridge.	