

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER TO MAKE PRESENT PERF. CONT. SENTENCES.

- 1 you / ages / telling / been / for / I've / that

- 2 designing / new / been / product / a / We've

- 3 on / working / hours / been / report / for / You've / that / been

- 4 some / been / setting up / He's / meetings / team

- 5 sales / asking / They've / figures / the / been / for

- 6 the / has / new / Ella / been / receptionist / training

TICK THE CORRECT SENTENCE.

- 1 **a** I haven't heard from them since last week.
b I haven't been hearing from them since last week.
- 2 **a** The meeting hasn't been starting yet.
b The meeting hasn't started yet.
- 3 **a** You haven't been meeting him before.
b You haven't met him before.
- 4 **a** I've read the email at least ten times.
b I've been reading the email at least ten times.
- 5 **a** They've been winning this year's award for strategy.
b They've won this year's award for strategy.
- 6 **a** We've been launching new products in the last year.
b We've launched new products last year.
- 7 **a** She's been quitting her job at last!
b She's quit her job at last!

COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE PHRASES IN THE BOX.

have been praising	have been struggling
have been trying	have grown
have introduced	have said
have succeeded	haven't worked



Bicycle hire schemes ¹ _____ in popularity over the past 50 years or so. Since the 1960s, when the first one started in Amsterdam, other cities ² _____ out the idea, too. Worldwide, over 500 cities ³ _____ bike-sharing, and more are getting involved all the time. Many people ⁴ _____ the schemes for their environmental benefits, but they also have economic benefits. Apart from the fees that people pay to hire the bikes, a healthier society means lower medical costs and more productive employees. However, it is important to note that they ⁵ _____ everywhere. While bike-share schemes ⁶ _____ in cities such as London and Montreal, they ⁷ _____ in Australian cities like Melbourne. Experts ⁸ _____ this is because, unlike in many other places, it's compulsory to wear a bicycle helmet in Australia.

GRAMMAR EXTRA! Present perfect with superlative ever. >> Listen. Complete the conversation.

A: Alex, is that you?

B: Chris! Yes. Gosh, how are you? It's been such a long time.

A: It certainly has. You're the busiest person ¹ _____ !

B: Yeah, sorry. Work is crazy right now. Honestly, this is the busiest period ² _____ .

A: Don't worry, I understand. I know how hard you work.

B: Thanks, Chris. So, how have you been?

A: Fine, thanks. We're still here in London; it's the longest ³ _____ in one place.

B: London is fantastic. We must have you guys over for dinner soon.

A: We'd love that. My youngest son, Ben, thinks you're a hero.

B: Wow! That's the highest praise ⁴ _____ .

A: It's the nicest thing ⁵ _____ ! Hey, what about your kids?

B: Oh, they're enjoying the summer. Actually, they're the happiest ⁶ _____ them.

A: That's really nice to hear. Listen, let's make a plan soon.