

## 8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

### ► Present perfect continuous

Use the present perfect continuous for actions that start in the past and continue into the present.

What **have** you **been doing** lately? I've **been working** two jobs for the last six months.

How long **have** you **been trying**? I've **been trying** since I graduated.

Have you **been saving** money? No, I **haven't been saving** money. I've **been spending** it!

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A Complete the conversations with the present perfect continuous.

1. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) any new skills this year?  
B: Yes, I have. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) some art courses.
2. A: What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) lately?  
B: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ (look for) a new job.
3. A: How \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) recently?  
B: Great! I \_\_\_\_\_ (run) three times a week. And I \_\_\_\_\_ (not drink) as much coffee since I stopped working at the coffee shop.
4. A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (get) enough exercise lately?  
B: No, I haven't. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) a lot for a big exam.