Grammar Practice

Present Perfect Simple VS Present Perfect Continuous

Read the theory and solve.

23a Circle the correct answer.

0 You'd better put some boots on. It *'s rained* / (*'s been raining*) all week and it's very muddy outside.

1 I *'ve e-mailed* / *'ve been e-mailing* him several times but he *hasn't answered* / *hasn't been answering* any of my messages.

2 We *'ve expected* / *'ve been expecting* them to arrive since last Thursday.

3 *Have you finished* / *Have you been finishing* your project yet? You *'ve worked* / *'ve been working* on it for ages.

4 Kevin *'s looked* / *'s been looking* for a job since he finished school but he's still unemployed.

5 Audrey *'s learnt* / *'s been learning* to play the guitar since she was a child and now she *'s started* / *'s been starting* piano lessons too.

6 They *'ve watched* / *'ve been watching* a film on television all evening. It's their favourite film and they *'ve seen* / *'ve been seeing* it three times.

7 Daniel *'s moved* / *'s been moving* house five times in the last five years!

8 I *'ve asked* / *'ve been asking* him to repair the television for ages. In fact, I *'ve asked* / *'ve been asking* him twice this week already.

23b Complete the conversations. Use the present perfect simple or continuous of the verbs in brackets.

A: You look hot. What (0) ***have you been doing*** (you / do)?
B: I (1) ..... (run).
A: In this heat? How far (2) ..... (you / run)?

A: You look pleased about something. What (3) ..... (happen)?
B: I (4) ..... (just / pass) my driving test.
A: Congratulations! You deserve to pass. You (5) ..... (practise) for months, haven't you?
B: That's right. My father (6) ..... (give) me lessons.

A: Where (7) ..... (you / be)?
B: At the doctor's. I (8) ..... (not feel) well lately. I'm tired and a bit run-down.
A: I'm sorry to hear that. (9) ..... (you / work) too hard?
B: I hope that's all it is but the doctor (10) ..... (do) some tests and she'll let me know the results soon, I hope.

A: You look frustrated. What's the matter?
B: I (11) ..... (try) to learn my lines for the play but I'm finding it difficult. I (12) ..... (only / manage) to learn the first scene so far.
A: Can I help in any way?

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23C Complete the article. Use the present perfect simple or continuous of the verbs in the box.

avoid	do	eat	invite	lose	make	order
	pay off	~~set~~	stick	watch		

They (0) ..... *have set* ..... the date, picked the dress and are making the final preparations for the big day. Lyndsey Young (1) ..... also ..... sure she will look her best when she marries Ben O'Neill later this week.

For the past five months, she (2) ..... to an exercise programme in which she (3) ..... forty or fifty minutes of exercise a day. She (4) ..... also ..... her diet. She (5) ..... high-calorie foods and (6) ..... lots of fruit and vegetables instead. Thanks to all of her hard work, she (7) ..... nearly ten kilos. Lyndsey's efforts (8) ..... and she looks fabulous. The couple (9) ..... huge amounts of food and beverages for the wedding, which will take place at a secret location, but sources say that Lyndsey and Ben (10) ..... only family and close friends to the wedding. The stage is set for what will surely be the wedding of the year.



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