

**Complete the sentences. Use the present progressive or the present perfect progressive.**

1. I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ in class right now. I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_ here since one o'clock.

2. Kate is standing at the corner. She (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus. She (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus for twenty minutes.

3. Scott and Rebecca (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone right now.

- They (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone for over an hour.

4. Right now we're in class. We (do) \_\_\_\_\_ an exercise. We \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this exercise for a couple of minutes.

5. A: You look busy right now. What (you, do) \_\_\_\_\_?

B: I (work) \_\_\_\_\_ on my physics experiment. It's a long and difficult experiment.

A: How long (you, work) \_\_\_\_\_ on it?

B: I started planning it last January. I (work) \_\_\_\_\_ on it since then.

**Use the present perfect or the present perfect progressive.**

A: I'm tired. We (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ for more than an hour.

Let's stop and rest for a while!

B: Okay.

2. A: Is the post office far from here?

B: Not at all. I (walk) \_\_\_\_\_ there many times.

A: Do you like it here?

B: I (live) \_\_\_\_\_ here for only a short time. I don't know, yet.

4. A: I (read) \_\_\_\_\_ this chapter in my chemistry text three times, and I still don't understand it!

B: Maybe I can help.

5. A: My eyes are getting tired. I (read) \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours. I think I'll take a break.

B: Why don't we go for a walk?

6. A: Do you like the Edgewater Inn?

B: Very much. I (stay) \_\_\_\_\_ there at least a dozen times. It's my favourite hotel.

A: The baby's crying. Shouldn't we do something?

B: He's all right.

A: Are you sure? He (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ for almost ten minutes.

B: Okay. I'll go into his room and see if anything's wrong.

8. A: Who's your daughter's new teacher?

B: Mrs. Jackson.

A: She's one of the best teachers at the elementary school. She (teach) \_\_\_\_\_ kindergarten for twenty years.

9. A: Ed (play) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis for ten years, but he still doesn't have a good backhand.

B: Neither do I, and I (play) \_\_\_\_\_ tennis for twenty years.

10. A: Where does Mr. Alvarez work?

B: At the power company. He (work) \_\_\_\_\_ there for fifteen years. He likes his job.

A: What about his neighbour, Mr. Perez?

B: He's currently unemployed, but he'll find a new job.

A: What kind of job experience does he have?

B: He (work) \_\_\_\_\_ for a small manufacturing firm, for the telephone company, and at two of the world's leading software companies.

With all that work experience, he won't have any trouble finding another job.

**Ask questions using the words in brackets. Use the present perfect simple (have/has done) or continuous (have/has been doing).**

1 You have a friend who is learning Arabic. You ask:

(how long / learn / Arabic?) \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic?

2 You have just arrived to meet a friend. She is waiting for you. You ask:

(wait / long?) Have \_\_\_\_\_

3 You see somebody fishing by the river. You ask:

(catch / any fish?) \_\_\_\_\_

4 Some friends of yours are having a party next week. You ask:

(how many people / invite?) \_\_\_\_\_

5 A friend of yours is a teacher. You ask:

(how long / teach?) \_\_\_\_\_

6 You meet somebody who is a writer. You ask:

(how many books / write?) \_\_\_\_\_

(how long / write / books?) \_\_\_\_\_

7 A friend of yours is saving money to go on a world trip. You ask:

(how long / save?) \_\_\_\_\_

(how much money / save?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Put the verb into the present perfect simple or continuous.**

1 Where have you been? \_\_\_\_\_ (you / play) tennis?

2 Look! (somebody / break) \_\_\_\_\_ that window.

3 You look tired. (you / work) \_\_\_\_\_ hard?

4 ‘(you / ever / work) \_\_\_\_\_ in a factory?’ ‘No, never.’

5 Where’s Lisa? Where \_\_\_\_\_ (she / go)?

6 This is a very old book. (I / have) \_\_\_\_\_ it since I was a child.

7 'Have you been busy?' 'No, (I / watch) \_\_\_\_\_TV.'

8 My brother is an actor. (he / appear) \_\_\_\_\_ in several films.

9 'Sorry I'm late.' 'That's all right. (I / not / wait) \_\_\_\_\_long.'

10 Are you OK? You look as if \_\_\_\_\_(you / cry).

11 'Is it still raining?' 'No, \_\_\_\_\_(it / stop).'

12 The children are tired now. (they / play) \_\_\_\_\_in the garden.

13 (I / lose) \_\_\_\_\_my phone. (you / see) \_\_\_\_\_it?

14 (I / read) \_\_\_\_\_the book you lent me, but (I / not / finish)  
\_\_\_\_\_it yet. It's really interesting.

15 (I / read) \_\_\_\_\_the book you lent me, so you can have it back now.