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A family affair

Grammar

Present perfect simple and continuous

- 1 Read this email and put the verbs in brackets into the most appropriate form (present perfect simple or continuous).



Hi Stephanie

How are you? I (1) *'ve been having*.. (have) a lovely time here in Spain. Sorry I (2) (not write) to you for ages but I (3) (work) hard here in Spain since I arrived six weeks ago. The family I'm living with are very kind and I (4) (met) some really nice Spanish people of my age. They (5) (take) me out a few times. I think my Spanish (6) (improve) a lot because I (7) (not have) the opportunity to speak much English since I arrived, except to the children. My job is to look after the children, who are 5, 8 and 11. I'm normally not supposed to work at weekends but the parents (8) (go) to Madrid this weekend. I think the mother is missing the children a lot – she (9) (phone) six times already! The children (10) (play) in the garden since breakfast though and they're quite happy so I (11) (write) emails all morning. I (12) (send) six so far!

I won't see you now until the end of September because I (13) (change) my flight so that I can go travelling before I come home.

I (14) (wonder) what you (15) (do) since I left! Write back soon and tell me all your news.

Love Emily

Asking questions (present perfect simple and continuous)

- 2 A week later, Stephanie phones Emily and asks her some questions. Use the prompts to write her questions using the most appropriate form (present perfect simple or continuous) in the speech balloons.

1 you visit / Madrid yet?

Have you visited Madrid yet?

2 you get up early / every day?

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3 you buy / anything?

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4 you learn / how to cook Spanish food?

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5 How many times / you eat / paella?

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6 where / you decide / to go travelling?

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