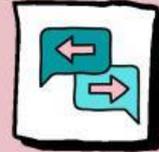
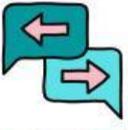


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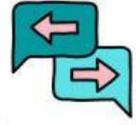


### EXERCISE 1: Choose the best verb form in each sentence.

1. I ***lived / have lived*** in the same place my whole life.
2. Shakespeare ***died / has died*** a long time ago, but he is still very popular.
3. Have you ever ***tried / been trying*** to drive in the snow?
4. This is the third time I have ***told / been telling*** you to be quiet!
5. Don't sit there! I've ***painted / been painting***, and the paint is wet.
6. As soon as I got home, I ***went / had gone*** straight to bed.
7. Eve had ***read / been reading*** most of the book before she saw the movie.
8. Luke ***has / had*** been thinking about leaving college, but in the end he decided to stay.
9. The train ***has / had*** just left when we got to the station.
10. They might have ***finished / been finishing*** the decorating by the time we get home.



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## EXERCISE 2: Complete the text with the correct PERFECT FORMS of the verbs in parentheses.

People have been complaining (complain) about English spelling for centuries because certain sounds can be written in several different ways. For example, you \_\_\_\_\_ (notice) that /i/ is the sound in sit, carpet, and women. Linguists \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest) several reasons for our difficult spelling. First, English \_\_\_\_\_ (accept) a lot of foreign words into its vocabulary, so the chin chorus /k/, a Greek word, and chauffeur /f/, a French word, sounds different. Second, early printers often weren't certain of the spelling of a word – no official spelling \_\_\_\_\_ (be established) –so they generally spelled a word pretty much as they liked. The spelling of English \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a bit of a joke today, but who knows, by the time our grandchildren go to school maybe someone \_\_\_\_\_ (invent) a spelling system that is logical and easy to remember.