Grammar 2 present perfect simple and continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous form of the verbs.

1 I'm really pleased with myself because I _____ (pass) my driving test.

2 We _____ (not / see) you for ages. How are you?

3 **A:** Why are you all red in the face?
B: I _____ (run) in the park.

4 They _____ (visit) their cousins in Chile several times.

5 I _____ (mean) to speak to you about this for some time.

6 I _____ (read) a lot recently and I _____ (finish) the first 500 pages of a 1,000-page novel.

7 **A:** I _____ (feel) really tired in the early afternoon these last few months.
B: _____ (you / go) to bed later than usual?
A: Not really. I _____ (not / change) my routine.

8 _____ (ever / try) durian fruit? It's quite smelly but it's delicious.

2 Complete the interview with the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous form of the verbs.

Every month we give you the personal views of migrant workers in Europe. Nizar works in a truck factory in Campodarsego near Padua. Here's part of our interview with him.

I: So how long [1] _____ (you / be) in Italy, Nizar?

N: For the past two years.

I: And [2] _____ (you / have) any problems since you arrived?

N: A few. I didn't speak any Italian, so my wife and I [3] _____ (learn) the language in evening classes. Our children [4] _____ (go) to the local school since we arrived, so they [5] _____ (learn) to speak Italian quite fluently.

I: [6] _____ (you / make) many friends?

N: Yes, we [7] _____ (meet) quite a few people at the Italian classes and we [8] _____ (organise) some fun social events together.

I: And what about work?

N: Well, I [9] _____ (do) this job for the last year. I [10] _____ (have) three different jobs since I arrived here, but this is the best.

I: And [11] _____ (you / see) your family and relatives since you came here?

N: Yes, we [12] _____ (be) back a few times, but the situation is still difficult there. I [13] _____ (talk) to my brother a lot on Zoom recently and although I miss him very much, I think we'll stay in Italy, at least for the next few years.

3 Complete the sentences with these adverbs.

already before ever for just never still yet

1 They've _____ eaten really spicy food in their lives. I just hope they'll enjoy it.

2 I got the impression I'd been to that place _____.

3 No, I haven't received a text from you. Oh, hang on, it's _____ arrived!

4 Do we have to watch this programme? We've _____ seen it three times this week.

5 I've been reading the instructions all morning and I _____ haven't understood how to operate this thing.

6 They said they'd call, but they haven't done so _____.

7 Have you _____ visited the southern part of the country before?

8 We haven't met _____ quite a while.

4 Rewrite the sentences with the adverb in the correct position.

1 That was the best meal I've had. (ever)
_____

2 My parents have gone to the market. (just)
_____

3 If you haven't enrolled, you should hurry up. (yet)
_____

4 The film starts soon and they haven't arrived. (still)
_____

5 They've apologised for the damage caused. (never)
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6 Our tests have been getting more difficult. (lately)
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Grammar reference 1.2, p162–163 in Student's Book

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