

GRAMMAR

Present perfect simple and continuous

1 Choose the correct verb forms.

- It's time you changed your shirt. You've *worn / been wearing* it for three days!
- I've *lost / been losing* my new sunglasses.
- Her skin is red because she's *sunbathed / been sunbathing* without sunscreen.
- How long have you *studied / been studying* fashion?
- We've *sold / been selling* six of these dresses today.
- I've *read / been reading* his latest book, but I'm not enjoying it.
- You haven't *eaten / been eating* much of your lunch today.
- They've *drunk / been drinking* coffee since they got up this morning.

2 Complete the email with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Tom

How are you? I hope you ¹ _____ (keep) busy at college! We're having a great time here. The weather ² _____ (be) fantastic so far!

I ³ _____ (sit) on the beach all morning, watching the world go by.

I ⁴ _____ (already/have) a few ideas for new swimming costume designs for next term's fashion project!

Laura and I ⁵ _____ (meet) some interesting people who are staying in the same hotel as us. They

⁶ _____ (be) here for a couple of weeks already, and they

⁷ _____ (do) research for a project about beach fashions. Yes, they work in fashion too, just like us. In fact, they

⁸ _____ (apply) for jobs for the last few months without any luck, but they think that presenting a full design project will help. What a good idea!

Anyway, Laura ⁹ _____ (try) to attract my attention for the past five minutes, so I'd better see what she wants!

I think she wants to go for lunch – we ¹⁰ _____ (not eat) since breakfast.

Bye for now,

Sally

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

- The football team has been playing badly last year.
- I have been doing gymnastics for more than ten years.
- Agustina is my best friend since we met in school when we were three years old.
- I am playing classical guitar for three years.
- Yesterday I have been hiking for five hours.
- I have known Marion for ten years now.

VOCABULARY

Verb + preposition

1 Complete the email with the prepositions in the box.

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Hi Jane

I'm writing a quick note to apologise ¹ _____ laughing ² _____ your hat yesterday at school. The truth is, it was a really nice hat compared ³ _____ mine. I suppose I was jealous of you! Sometimes I just can't cope ⁴ _____ people having nicer things than me. It's very childish, I know.

I need to get a summer job, because I hate depending ⁵ _____ my parents to give me money to buy things, and I really don't like to do ⁶ _____ new clothes!

I'm going shopping later. Have you heard ⁷ _____ Coco's? It's a new clothes shop in town. Do you want to come with me?

Dani