

b Complete the sentence with the present perfect simple or continuous of the verb in brackets.

I 've bought a new car. Do you like it? (buy)

- 1 We _____ Jack and Ann for years. (know)
- 2 You look really hot. _____ at the gym?
(you / work out)
- 3 Emily _____ her homework yet, so I'm
afraid she can't go out. (not do)
- 4 They don't live in London – they _____. (move)
- 5 I hope they're getting on OK. They _____
a lot recently. (argue)
- 6 We _____ for hours. Is this the right way? (walk)
- 7 Why is my laptop switched on? _____ it?
(you / use)
- 8 Oh no! I _____ my finger on this knife. (cut)

4 GRAMMAR present perfect simple and continuous

a Right (✓) or wrong (X)? Correct the mistakes in the highlighted phrases.

- 1 You don't need to call the doctor – I've already made an appointment for you.
✓
- 2 This is the first time I've been spraining my ankle – I didn't know it hurt so much!
X I've sprained my ankle
- 3 Mia isn't going to school today, because she's been throwing up all night.
- 4 I've fallen over lots of times playing football, but I've never broken a bone.
- 5 I can't take anything for my headache, because we've been running out of painkillers.
- 6 You've been complaining about your back for weeks – why don't you go to the doctor's?
- 7 How long have you been knowing about your grandfather's illness?
- 8 Sasha's coughed all day, and now he has a sore throat.
- 9 My sister has a skin problem – she's been going to the hospital for treatment for over two years.
- 10 How many times have you been fainting recently?

b Complete the sentences using the words in brackets. Use the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verb. Put the adverbs in the correct position.

- 1 Jess is a bit nervous – she's never ridden a horse before. (she / ride / never)
- 2 How many biscuits _____? (you / eat)
- 3 My brother's really stressed about work, so _____ very well recently. (he / not sleep)
- 4 _____ my hand on the oven – it really hurts! (I / burn / just)
- 5 _____ problems with my shoulder for several months now. (I / have)
- 6 Ed is one of the nicest people _____. (I / meet / ever)

- 7 _____ to the gym for long – just a few weeks. (Georgia / not go)
- 8 _____ a sore throat for more than a week now. (Jamie / have)
- 9 How long _____ a job? (your girlfriend / look for)
- 10 I bought that book last month, but _____ it yet. (I / not read)

c Complete the email with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect simple or continuous.



Hi Nicola,

Thanks for your email – it was great to hear from you!

Sorry I ¹ haven't replied (not reply) until now, but I ² _____ (not feel) very well recently. I ³ _____ (have) flu, and I'm only just getting over it now. I ⁴ _____ (not go) to work for a week; I ⁵ _____ (lie) on the sofa at home all day. My mum ⁶ _____ (look after) me all week, and I'm nearly better now. I'll probably go back to work the day after tomorrow.

Anyway, I'm so glad you're planning on coming to visit next summer – it will be lovely to see you! While I've been off work, I ⁷ _____ (think) about what we can do while you're here, and I ⁸ _____ (come up with) a few ideas. I know how much you love music, so for the last few days I ⁹ _____ (try) to get some tickets for a music festival, but I ¹⁰ _____ (not manage) to get any yet. Is there anything else you'd like to do during your visit? I'm really looking forward to seeing you, and I know that we'll have a fantastic time.

Write back soon!

Love,

Sophie xx

d Answer Sophie's email. Write 140–190 words. Use the present perfect simple and continuous. Include the following:

- thank Sophie for her email
- explain why you haven't written until now
- answer Sophie's question
- ask Sophie a question