



**Ellie** At last! I've been waiting for ages. Where have you been? What have you been doing?

**Jack** My bus didn't come. I've been trying to phone you since 7.30 ...

**Ellie** You're 25 minutes late! The film has started.

**Jack** Sorry. Do you still want to see it?

**Ellie** Yes, I do. I've been looking forward to it for weeks. It stars my favourite actor. And I've already bought the tickets!

**Jack** Let's go inside then.

**Ellie** OK. But why is your hair wet? It hasn't been raining.

**Jack** That's sweat. I've been running for 25 minutes! And I haven't eaten. Can we see the film later?

**3** Read the **Learn this!** box and complete the rules. Use the dialogue in exercise 2 to help you. How many examples of this tense are there in the dialogue?

#### LEARN THIS! Present perfect continuous

**a** We form the present perfect continuous with *have* /

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ + **2** \_\_\_\_\_ + -ing form.

**b** We use the present perfect continuous:

**1** for an action that began in the past and is still in progress.

You **3** \_\_\_\_\_ working much this term. Why not?

We often use *for* or **4** \_\_\_\_\_ to say how long the action has been in progress.

How long have they been living in France?

They **5** \_\_\_\_\_ living in Paris **6** \_\_\_\_\_ ten years.

**2** for an action that has recently been in progress and which explains the current situation.

I'm hot because I **7** \_\_\_\_\_ running.