



- 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.