

2A GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Present Perfect Simple and Continuous

- 1 ★ Have these activities finished or are they still continuing? Choose (FA) for Finished Activity or (SC) for Still Continuing.

- 1 ☐ I've read four books about the Voyager.
- 2 ☐ She's been reading all day, she's fed up.
- 3 ☐ We've been trying to find valuable information about Neptune.
- 4 ☐ That computer hasn't been working properly.
- 5 ☐ I think he's found a good website on space travel.
- 6 ☐ The students have collected a lot of material.
- 7 ☐ We've studied three units of the book.
- 8 ☐ Stella has been working on a project about Saturn.

- 2 ★ Read the sentences and choose the best answers.



- 1 The students have studied the movement of the planets.
 - a They're going to study something different now.
 - b They're going to continue studying the same thing.
- 2 Kate has been revising for her Physics exam all week.
 - a She's still studying.
 - b She's finished studying.
- 3 I haven't been working very hard at school recently.
 - a I'm not working hard now.
 - b I'm working hard now.
- 4 The girls have done a project about space travel.
 - a The project is not complete.
 - b The project is complete.
- 5 They've been watching a documentary.
 - a The documentary is finished.
 - b The documentary isn't finished.
- 6 Mrs Carter has been marking our exam papers.
 - a She can give everybody their results.
 - b She can't give everybody their results.

- 3 ★ Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 Why have you switched off / been switching off the computer?
- 2 I think I've found / been finding a good article about space discovery.
- 3 They've studied / been studying the galaxy for six months now.
- 4 Have you finished / Have you been finishing that book about the solar system yet?
- 5 Scientists haven't discovered / haven't been discovering the nature of these satellites yet.
- 6 Look at Jenny! She's painted / been painting and she's covered in paint!
- 7 Why have you sat / been sitting in front of your computer all day?
- 8 I've read / been reading Tim's book about the Voyager space probe; I'll lend it to you when I've finished it.

- 4 ★★ Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 seen / has / your pictures / Terry
Terry has seen your pictures.
- 2 sent / has / new information / ? / Voyager

- 3 have / receiving / not / recently / they / been / news

- 4 signals / picking up / all day / we / been / have

- 5 what / investigating / ? / you / been / recently / have

- 6 any information / collected / have / today / we / not

- 5 ★★ Read the questions and complete the short answers.

- 1 Have you done experiments with plants?
Yes, I have.
- 2 Has Jemma followed Gary's research?
No, _____.
- 3 Have you tried this solution yet?
No, _____.
- 4 Have they been publishing the results?
Yes, _____.
- 5 Has the team been working together?
Yes, _____.
- 6 Has Dr Brown been explaining the process?
No, _____.

6 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Scientists have been studying (study) the planet for twenty years.
- 2 What _____ (you/do) since we last met?
- 3 She _____ (complete) the project, so it's ready for publication.
- 4 They _____ (not receive) any signals from the space probe yet.
- 5 _____ (the team/discover) the reason for the radio waves yet?
- 6 We _____ (not work) on those photos recently, we have other work to do.
- 7 How much information _____ (Callum/process) so far?
- 8 I _____ (study) the results for hours, but I still don't understand them.

7 ★★★ Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs from the box. Use the Present Perfect Continuous wherever possible.

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Merav Opher ¹has been working with the Voyager team since 2001. She is an expert in space physics and computing and ²_____ her knowledge to make new discoveries about the Sun's behaviour. She ³_____ different information from both Voyager 1 and Voyager 2. Over the past few years, newspapers ⁴_____ more and more attention to her work. Opher says she ⁵_____ lots of funny experiences, including her colleague using a wooden ruler to measure computer charts! She ⁶_____ of her NASA work yet, and intends to continue.



8 ★★★ Read the answers and write questions.

- 1 Have you seen the new photos from Voyager yet?
No, I haven't seen the new photos from Voyager yet.
- 2 _____?
I've been watching this documentary since I got home.
- 3 _____?
I've been sleeping all day because I'm tired.
- 4 _____?
Yes, I've seen the film twice.
- 5 _____?
No, the information hasn't reached Earth yet.
- 6 _____?
They have been studying those particles for two years.
- 7 _____?
Yes, they've managed to fix the spaceship.
- 8 _____?
No, they haven't launched the space probe yet.

9 ★★★ Use the prompts to write the interview.

Journalist ¹ Dr Graham, how long / you / work / for NASA?

Dr Graham, how long have you been working for NASA?

Dr Graham ² I / work / here / for about ten years

Journalist ³ you / make / any discoveries / yet?

Dr Graham ⁴ No, / I / not / complete / my research / yet

Journalist ⁵ What sort / research / you / be / do / since / you joined NASA?

Dr Graham ⁶ I / study / radio waves

10 ★★★ Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. Use no more than three words in each gap.

- 1 The astronauts began their journey a week ago.
The astronauts have been travelling through space for a week.
- 2 I haven't received the photos from Gordon yet.
_____ sent me the photos yet.
- 3 Jerry started work at NASA two years ago.
Jerry _____ at NASA for two years.
- 4 When did you start studying Physics?
How long have _____ Physics?
- 5 Sarah is still reading the book.
Sarah _____ the book yet.

11 ON A HIGH NOTE Think about a project you are working on at the moment or an exam you are preparing for. Write a short paragraph about what you have been doing and what you have done for the project/exam.