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, _____.

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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 [1]*has 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.**

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