UNIT

7 Grammar The continuous aspect

A **Read the conversation. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the continuous aspect.**

A: Thanks for coming to interview for the position of Head Chef today. Maybe you can start by telling me a bit about yourself.

B: Well, when I first started in this industry, I [1]_____ (work) in a family-run restaurant as a waiter. Then I became really intrigued by what was going on in the kitchen, so I started learning how to cook. Now I [2]_____ (work) as a chef for the past ten years and for nine of those I was in that very same place I started out!

A: That's great! So why did you leave there? Nine years is a long time.

B: Yes, well, it [3]_____ (get) to the point where I just needed a new challenge. I [4]_____ (cook) the same food for a long time and working with the same people day in, day out, who, don't get me wrong, were lovely! But I needed a fresh start. So I launched a small business and I [5]_____ (sell) food from a van at different events. I [6]_____ (love) it until I realized I actually preferred something more permanent.

A: I understand. So why do you want to work for us?

B: Well, I [7]_____ (eat) in your restaurants for a long time, so I'm definitely a fan of your food!

A: That's a good start.

B: And I [8]_____ (look) to develop my skills with a well-established brand such as yours.

A: Excellent. We're always happy to nurture talent. Now what would you say some of your strengths and weaknesses are?

B **Match the uses of the continuous aspect in A (1–8) with the descriptions (a–e). Some of the descriptions can be matched with more than one use. Compare your answers with a partner.**

a to show an action continuing for some time or to distinguish a shorter action from a longer one _____

b to show something that starts at an earlier point and continues until a later one _____

c to talk about trends, and temporary or changing things _____

d to describe a repeated action, especially if the speaker finds it surprising or annoying _____

e used with a state verb _____

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