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Grammar

Present perfect vs Present perfect continuous

1 Complete the sentences with the Present perfect or Present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- How long have you been learning English (you/learn English)?
- 1 How many books _____ (she/write)?
 - 2 We _____ (know) each other since we were children.
 - 3 Tobias _____ (not drive) for very long, but he's very good.
 - 4 It _____ (rain) all day.
 - 5 I _____ (catch) the 7.10 bus since I started at this school.
 - 6 Can we sit down? We _____ (walk) for two hours now!
 - 7 How long _____ (you/have) a cold?
 - 8 Those girls _____ (not wait) as long as we have.
 - 9 I _____ (fish) for hours and I haven't caught a thing.
 - 10 You _____ (have) three coffees since breakfast!

2 Complete the mini-dialogues with the Present perfect or Present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- **A** Why are you tired?
B I've been working (work) in the garden.
- 1 **A** What's for lunch?
B I _____ (make) some sandwiches.
 - 2 **A** Why are your shoes wet?
B It _____ (rain).
 - 3 **A** Are you going out?
B Yes, I _____ (finish) my homework.
 - 4 **A** You don't look very happy.
B I _____ (watch) a documentary about global warming.
 - 5 **A** Why is Jon smiling so much?
B He _____ (listen) to a comedy show on the radio.
 - 6 **A** Do you want another piece of that apple?
B No, thanks. I _____ (have) enough.
 - 7 **A** What's wrong with Sami?

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- B** He _____ (break) the screen on his phone.
- 8 **A** Ollie hasn't been at school all week.
- B** No, that's because he _____ (feel) very well.

for and since

3 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

- It's been snowing since early this morning.
- 1 I've been driving _____ hours.
- 2 They've been studying hard _____ lunchtime.
- 3 The dog's been playing with that ball _____ about an hour now.
- 4 Becca's been a member of that club _____ she was in year two.
- 5 I haven't done any work _____ last week.
- 6 Have you been playing the piano _____ a long time?
- 7 Connie's had long hair _____ she was a child.
- 8 They haven't known each other _____ very long.
- 9 Calm down – we've only been waiting _____ a few minutes.
- 10 I've had this scarf _____ ages.

Articles

4 Complete the blog post about climate change with *a*, *an*, *the* or – (no article).

We've been doing → a project at ¹ _____ school about ² _____ environment and we came across ³ _____ really interesting article about climate change in the past. Three to four hundred years ago, ⁴ _____ River Thames in London used to freeze over. ⁵ _____ ice was so hard that ⁶ _____ people could walk on it and there were even ⁷ _____ markets and ⁸ _____ restaurants on the river! People lit fires on the ice and ⁹ _____ food was cooked on them. Some years there was even ¹⁰ _____ street from the North bank to the South bank. One reason for the ice was the old London Bridge. It stopped ¹¹ _____ river water from moving and caused the Thames to freeze over. The last really big freeze was in ¹² _____ 1814.

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Vocabulary

Environmental issues

5 Complete the words in the sentences.

→ B i o d i e s e l is a man-made fuel.

- 1 Governments must work to reduce the effects of c_____e c_____e.
- 2 D _ f _ _ _ _ _ t i o n is one of the biggest problems facing the area around the Amazon.
- 3 I've got a really cool shopping bag made from r _ _ _ _ _ d plastic.
- 4 We only eat o _ _ _ _ _ c vegetables.
- 5 There are some problems with o _ _ _ f _ _ _ i n g in the Adriatic.

Talking about the natural world

6 Complete the email with the words below.

hemisphere	temperate	Ocean	arid
lush	ranges	unexplored	equator

Hi Mel

Here I am on the next stage of my incredible journey to the Galapagos.

I'm in the southern → hemisphere for the first time in my life.

As we crossed the ¹_____, I felt really emotional. As I write, I can see incredible mountain ²_____ from the train window. I'd expected the landscape to be quite ³_____ and more like a desert but, as we go further south, there is a more ⁴_____ climate and ⁵_____ vegetation. It's wonderful! We're going to see new things and visit ⁶_____ places, with no tourists at all. It's hot on the train and I can't wait to swim in the Pacific ⁷_____!

I'll keep in touch!

Lou

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Phrasal verbs: the environment

7 Choose the correct phrasal verb (a or b) to complete the sentences.

→ China is working hard to make sure that giant pandas don't die out.

a die out **b** wipe out

1 Many companies have lights which _____ solar power.

a run on **b** run by

2 The US bee population is being _____.

a wiped up **b** wiped out

3 Higher temperatures _____ rising sea levels.

a cause to **b** lead to

4 Oil and gas reserves are being _____.

a used up **b** cleaned up

5 We must _____ on our use of packaging.

a cut back **b** cut out

6 The government has promised to _____ a review of green issues.

a cut out **b** carry out

Compound words

8 Make compound words. Then complete the sentences with the compound words.

A genetically foot wild zero volcanic nature sea
B modified reserve eruption life impact levels print

→ Genetically modified food comes from organisms that have been altered by scientists.

1 _____ includes all animals which are not pets, farm or working animals.

2 As ice at the North and South Poles melts, _____ are rising.

3 _____ tourism has no negative effect on the area people visit.

4 Animals that live on a _____ are protected.

5 A _____ is the mark left by your shoe on the ground.

6 Villages around Mount Etna are often in danger from a _____.

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Suffixes to form adjectives from nouns

9 Complete the sentences with adjectives formed from the nouns in brackets and a suffix. Be careful with your spelling.

→ I love walking along coastal (coast) footpaths.

- 1 Some aspects of New Zealand's Maori culture are interesting and _____ (mystery).
- 2 There are some beautiful _____ (sand) beaches in Devon.
- 3 The guide was very _____ (knowledge) about the history of the national park.
- 4 I never eat wild mushrooms as so many of them are _____ (poison).
- 5 Mountain climbing is only for _____ (adventure) people.
- 6 Peru is a _____ (mountain) country.
- 7 There are many _____ (region) differences in the Alps.
- 8 The weather in Scotland is very _____ (change).
- 9 Lemon juice is _____ (acid).
- 10 Hotel work is often _____ (season).