

## GRAMMAR Present perfect continuous

### 1 Write sentences with the present perfect continuous, using these words.

1 You / play / that game / for hours!

2 Sam and Sara / amuse / themselves / all day.

3 We need to find out what / cause / the computer to crash.

4 How long / you / learn / Spanish?

5 she / cry for long?

6 No, I / not / use / your computer.

### 2 Choose the correct perfect forms.

1 I've *thought* / *been thinking* – we should get a new computer.

2 She's never *used* / *been using* an iPad before.

3 This is the first time they've *visited* / *been visiting* London.

4 The sun has *shone* / *been shining* all day today.

5 Have you *waited* / *been waiting* here for long?

6 Sorry, I haven't *finished* / *been finishing* my homework yet.

7 You look exhausted. What have you *done* / *been doing*?

8 How long have they *known* / *been knowing* each other?

### 3 Complete the conversation with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect continuous.

A: What's that you're wearing?

B: This? It's a pedometer – it measures the distance I run. It's really useful.

A: Oh, 1 ..... (you / use) it for long?

B: Yes, since I started running. I 2 ..... (run) every day for two years now.

A: To keep fit?

B: Yes, but I enjoy it. I 3 ..... (train) for a half-marathon recently.

A: Wow! How long do you run every day?

B: Well, today I 4 ..... (jog) for about an hour, but I'm going to stop now.

A: Oh, good. I 5 ..... (intend) to ask you about my party next weekend. Can we discuss it now?

### 4 Complete the email with the present perfect simple or continuous of the verb in brackets.

Hi Mary

How are you? I 1 ..... (not hear) from you for ages.

What 2 ..... (you / do)?

I 3 ..... (just have) some great news! I 4 ..... (be) accepted at the

university in my home town to study computing. You know I 5 ..... (program) computers since I was twelve years old and I 6 ..... (want) to build a career

in computers for ages – well now it's time to start studying seriously!

The trouble is, I'm so excited that I 7 ..... (not sleep) very well since I heard I'm working in a café at the moment, and I 8 ..... (arrive) late a couple of times

already. My boss 9 ..... (already warn) me twice, and if I'm late again, I'll lose my job. I don't care too much – I 10 ..... (save) quite a lot of money already.

I have to go now. Dad 11 ..... (ask) me all week to set up his new printer in his office, so that's what I'm going to do now. Then I'm going for a bike ride. It looks like it 12 ..... (rain), because the roads are wet

– but the sun's shining now.

Write soon!

Jackie

### 5 Correct the mistakes in these sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

1 I study English for two years.

2 I have been playing football since I was a child, and I like it very much.

3 I like children and I have been working in a similar job before.

4 I haven't written for so long, but I have been studying for my exams.

5 I was thinking about the ideas you suggested, but I haven't decided yet.