

INTERMEDIATE 1

Grammar Progress Check (2): Lesson 4

Present Perfect Simple and Present Perfect Continuous

a. Put the verbs in brackets into the *Present Simple* and *Present Continuous* tense.

1. A: _____ (believe) all that newspapers say?
B: No, I _____ (not / believe) any of it.
A: Then why _____ (you / read) newspapers?
2. There's an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman. They _____ (walk) across the desert when one of them _____ (spot) a camel in the distance.
3. My dad _____ (not / eat) meat at all – he's a vegetarian.
4. _____ (you / like) this necklace? I _____ (give) it to my daughter for her birthday tomorrow.
5. A: Why _____ (you / smoke) a cigar, Mrs Pitt?
B: Because I want the ash. This book _____ (say) that cigar ash mixed with oil removes heat stains from wood.

b. Put the verbs in brackets into the *Present Perfect Simple* and the *Present Perfect continuous* tense.

1. _____ (you / follow) that story in the papers about the elephant that escaped from the zoo? Apparently, they _____ (not / catch) it yet.
2. The petrol gauge _____ (say) 'Empty' for quite a long time now. Do you think it _____ (break) down?
3. A: I _____ (try) to finish this letter for the last half-hour. I wish you'd go away or stop talking.
B: I _____ (hardly / say) anything.
4. _____ (they / fill) over six bags with rubbish from the beach already.
5. John _____ (wait) here nearly half an hour for his girlfriend Joana.