1 Complete this letter using the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in the box.

hear	be	think	stay
enjoy	have	do	mean
	show	write	

Dear Susie,

I am sorry I (1) ..... for such a long time but I (2) ..... really busy. Some friends of ours (3) ..... with us for the last two weeks and we (4) ..... them around! I (5) ..... thoroughly ..... their visit but I'm completely exhausted.

I (6) ..... to write to you to ask you about our trip to London. (7) ..... you ..... a chance to go to any travel agencies to ask about tickets? I (8) ..... about it for the last couple of days and the best time for me to go would be the last week of May. I hope that's OK for you too.

What (9) ..... lately? (10) ..... you ..... anything from that boy who kept sending you email messages? Write back soon and tell me all your news.

Lots of love,

Karina

2 Write sentences in the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous from the prompts.

1 How long / learn English? You speak really fluently.

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2 How many different teachers / have?

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3 What / you / do lately? I not / see you for ages.

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4 You look tired. you / get / enough sleep?

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5 How many times you / visit London in the last six years?

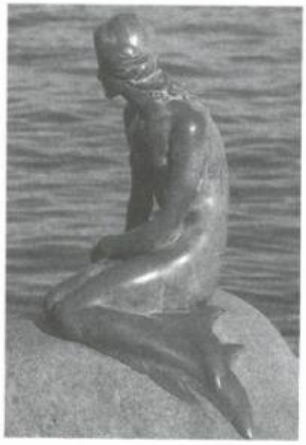
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6 you / try to phone me? I / talk to my boyfriend for the last hour and a half.

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3 **Use of English:** error correction

Read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word that should not be there. Tick (✓) the lines that are correct. Cross out the words that should not be there.



The Little Mermaid

0 Mermaids have been ~~being~~ around for a long time.

00 Artists have been painting and drawing mermaids ✓

1 since medieval times and hundreds of the stories

2 have been written about them, including *The Little*

3 *Mermaid* by Hans Christian Anderson. The city of the

4 Copenhagen is famous for its statue of the character,

5 who she has attracted thousands of tourists to the city

6 over the years, though recently she has been damaged

7 by the vandals. Since the Disney film *The Little*

8 *Mermaid* it came out in 1996, interest in mermaids

9 has been increased dramatically and hundreds of

10 websites about mermaids have been being created.