

Present perfect vs Present perfect continuous

- 4 ★ Match the tenses in bold in sentences 1 to 6 to the uses (a-f).

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| 1 | ☐ f | He has just left for the airport. |
| 2 | ☐ | Sam is tired. He's been sightseeing all day. |
| 3 | ☐ | Chris has been waiting to see the doctor for three hours now. |
| 4 | ☐ | Steve has climbed the Eiffel Tower. |
| 5 | ☐ | Lisa has booked a trip to Australia. |
| 6 | ☐ | I have taken lots of pictures this morning. |

- a to place emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present
- b an action which happened in a time period that is not over at the moment of speaking
- c an action that started and finished in the past and lasted for some time with a visible result in the present
- d for experiences
- e an action which happened at an unspecified time in the past
- f a recently completed action

- 5 ★ Put the verbs in brackets into the *present perfect* or the *present perfect continuous*.

- 1 They *haven't returned* (not/return) from their trip yet.
- 2 The train
(just/arrive).
- 3 We
(wait) for the bus for an hour now.
- 4
(you/ever/be) abroad?
- 5 Beth
(lie) on the beach since we arrived.
- 6 Amy
(not/visit) us since 2008.
- 7 How long
(you/live) here?
- 8 We
(walk) since 9 o'clock this morning and my feet hurt!