

Empower B1+ U2B

1 GRAMMAR Present perfect simple and continuous

- a Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in the box. Use contractions where possible.

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- 1 I feel exhausted because I 've been playing tennis all afternoon.
- 2 We _____ at the station for half an hour but my dad's train hasn't arrived yet.
- 3 She _____ a lot of messages on Facebook lately.
- 4 My eyes feel really tired. I _____ all day.
- 5 Dad _____ for hours. He's made an enormous meal.
- 6 You look really upset. _____ you _____?
- 7 My kids _____ Spanish for four years and now they can understand nearly everything.
- 8 How long _____ Neil _____ out with his girlfriend?

- b Underline the correct verb forms to complete the sentences and questions.

- 1 Dan's been using / Dan's used his phone a lot recently to take photos of his children.
- 2 I've been installing / I've installed the new program and it's working perfectly.
- 3 Have you been turning off / turned off your phone? The film's starting now.
- 4 My computer hasn't been working / hasn't worked properly recently. I think something's wrong.
- 5 You've been playing / You've played that computer game all afternoon. Can you stop for five minutes, please?
- 6 How long have you been waiting / waited for your computer to install that weather app?
- 7 I've been having / I've had this tablet for three years and it still works perfectly.
- 8 We've been trying / We've tried to call Fiona on her mobile phone all day but she's not answering.