

Continuous Tenses Review

1 Choose the correct words.

- 1 He **hasn't been working / hadn't been working** for long when he made a discovery.
- 2 Jack hasn't always been a sales representative. Last year, he **was working / has been working** as a waiter.
- 3 The TV is flashing on and off. How long **is it doing / has it been doing** that?
- 4 You're always looking / You've always been looking at your phone! Put it down for once!
- 5 The battery **has been charging / is charging** for ages. I think it's OK to use it now.
- 6 We are wondering / had been wondering how the machine worked from the moment we bought it.
- 7 Life in the past was harder because people **haven't been using / weren't using** advanced technology then.
- 8 There's something wrong with the remote control; it **isn't working / wasn't working**.

2 Put the verbs into the correct continuous tense to complete the dialogues.

- 1 'What's wrong with the printer?' 'I don't know, but it _____ that strange noise all day so I've called a technician.' (make)
- 2 'I _____ on a difficult maths equation at the moment. Can you help me?' 'Sure, let me see. Oh, it's quite simple really.' (work)
- 3 'There was a line of people outside the Apple Store last night.' 'I wonder what they _____ there.' (do)

- 4 'I'm so sorry! _____ for long?' 'No, no. I got here just a few minutes ago.' (wait)
- 5 'Have they booked their flight for the seminar?' 'Yes, they _____ out to New York on Thursday.' (fly)
- 6 'Did Charlie finally get some sleep?' 'Yes, but he _____ for hours before I made him go to bed.' (study)

3 Put the verbs into the correct continuous tense to complete the sentences.

- 1 Henry went online at 8 am. When he logged off at 8 pm, he _____ the internet for 12 hours! (surf)
- 2 She's busy with an idea for a great app. She _____ it for three months. (develop)
- 3 I saw two men with a big package outside your house yesterday. _____ your widescreen TV? (deliver)
- 4 Of course you can check your emails on my tablet. I _____ it at the moment. (not use)

- 5 I usually watch TV in my room until quite late. It's bad because I _____ enough sleep lately. (not get)
- 6 There was a robot at the technology exhibition. It _____ me when it fell over. (follow)
- 7 Most of the shop assistants are in a meeting. They _____ customers now. (not serve)
- 8 Oh? You're a computer programmer at Google? How long _____ code before you started there? (write)