

EXERCISE 3 PRESENT PERFECT AND PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

GRAMMAR NOTE 3 Complete the paragraph with present perfect or present perfect progressive forms of the verbs in parentheses. Use the progressive form where possible. Do not use contractions.

James and Elena Marx have known 1. (know) each other for twenty years, and they 2. (be) married for eighteen years. They 3. (live) in their current house for three years. James 4. (be) a writer for ten years. He 5. (work) for *In Touch Magazine* for the past eight years, and he 6. (write) an Internet blog for the past six years. He 7. (also write) four books on popular culture.

Elena 8. (be) a high school English teacher for the last twelve years. During that time, she 9. (teach) at six different schools. She 10. (teach) at her current school **for** five years now.

The Marxes are a “wired” family. They 11. (have) at least one desktop computer for fifteen years. Over the years, they 12. (own) six different computers. James, Elena, Allison, and Nick 13. (communicate) with friends and relatives online for almost as long as they can remember.