

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 married 2. (be) for eighteen years. They live 3. (live) in their current house for three years. James is 4. (be) a writer for ten years. He works 5. (work) for *In Touch Magazine* for the past eight years, and he writes 6. (write) an Internet blog for the past six years. He also writes 7. (also write) four books on popular culture.

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

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