

Practice

1 Match sentences 1 and 2 with their meanings, A or B, in each pair.

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| 1 1 I've been reading the book you lent me on genetics. | A I've finished the book. |
| 2 I've read the book you lent me on genetics. | B I'm still reading the book. |
| 2 1 The firm gives company cars to junior managers. | A This is the company's usual policy. It's unlikely to change. |
| 2 The firm has been giving company cars to junior managers. | B This isn't the company's usual policy. It may change. |
| 3 1 Something has been killing the rabbits in the woods. | A There are no rabbits left in the woods. |
| 2 Something has killed the rabbits in the woods. | B There are some rabbits left in the woods. |
| 4 1 Monsanto has placed an advert in the last four <i>Sunday Times</i> newspapers. | A This was a number of repeated actions. |
| 2 Monsanto has been placing adverts in the national press. | B This is a continuing publicity campaign. |
| 5 1 'Hi, Fiona. What a mess! Have you been decorating?' | A Fiona is in the middle of decorating. |
| 2 'Hi, Fiona. This room looks great! Have you decorated it?' | B Fiona isn't decorating any more. |
| 6 1 A group of us have learnt how to play bridge. | A We're still learning. |
| 2 A group of us have been learning how to play bridge. | B We can play it now. |