



Grammar present perfect simple and continuous

4 Match the sentence halves.

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| 1 a I've been writing my essay, | 1 and handed it in. |
| b I've written my essay | 2 but I need a break from it now. |
| 2 a I've been fixing your bike, | 1 which is why my hands are covered in oil. |
| b I've fixed your bike | 2 so you can use it now. |
| 3 a They've been speaking | 1 on the phone a couple of times. |
| b They've spoken | 2 on the phone for nearly an hour. |
| 4 a I've walked | 1 ten kilometres today. |
| b I've been walking | 2 to work lately instead of taking the bus. |
| 5 a I've been reading | 1 a lot of non-fiction recently. |
| b I've read | 2 that book already. |
| 6 a She's moved | 1 furniture all day. |
| b She's been moving | 2 to a smaller flat. |

5 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 Michael's offered / been offering several times to help me write the presentation, but he hasn't done / hasn't been doing it yet.
- 2 The police have just arrested / been arresting the man they've looked / been looking for over the last few months.
- 3 Greg has just texted / been texting to say he's sat / been sitting in heavy traffic for over an hour and will be late for the meeting.
- 4 My printer has run / been running out of ink, but I've only just replaced / been replacing the cartridge.
- 5 She's only worked / been working at the company for a few months and she's already got / been getting a promotion.
- 6 I haven't seen / been seeing you for ages. What have you done / been doing?
- 6 Complete the news story with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect continuous where possible.

Message in bottle arrives after 101 years

German fishermen ¹ have found (find) a bottle containing a handwritten message on a postcard which was thrown into the Baltic Sea 101 years ago. It is believed that this is the oldest message in a bottle that the world ² _____ ever (see). The bottle ³ _____ (not suffer) any damage, despite the fact that it had been floating in the sea for 101 years. Some of the writing on the postcard inside ⁴ _____ (become) illegible due to time and damp. Experts, who ⁵ _____ (try) to work out what the complete message says, say they ⁶ _____ (not succeed) yet, but hope to in the near future.

By looking at the address on the postcard, they ⁷ _____ (identify) its author as Richard Platz, the twenty-year-old son of a baker. A handwriting comparison with letters written by Platz ⁸ _____ (confirm) he is the author. The researchers ⁹ _____ also

_____ (track down) his granddaughter, Angela Erdmann, who lives in Berlin. Erdmann has been presented with the bottle, which will be displayed in a museum. She says that over the last few days, since the discovery, she ¹⁰ _____ (look) through scrapbooks to find out more about her grandfather, who she had never met.

Despite her joy at receiving the bottle, Erdmann has said she hopes people won't repeat what her grandfather did and throw bottles with messages into the sea.

