

2B Changing lives

Only I can change my life,
No one else can do it for me.
Carol Burnett, US actress & comedienne

G present perfect + *for / since*, present perfect continuous **V** strong adjectives: *exhausted, amazed, etc.* **P** sentence stress

1 GRAMMAR present perfect + *for / since*, present perfect continuous

a Write the words and phrases from the list in the correct column.

2015 a long time Christmas
I was very young lunchtime six months
two weeks three days Tuesday years

<i>for</i>	<i>since</i>
	2015

b Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple form of the verb in brackets and *for* or *since*.

- I've had _____ my car *for* _____ about a month. (have)
- My mum _____ ill _____ weeks. (be)
- We _____ each other _____ we were at school. (know)
- Owen _____ for the same company _____ five years. (work)
- Dan and Vicky _____ in Scotland _____ they got married. (live)
- My parents _____ gardening _____ they were young. (love)
- I _____ to go to Australia _____ a long time. (want)
- Lola _____ to me _____ last year. (not speak)
- I _____ my grandparents _____ ages. (not see)
- Harry _____ Ayesha _____ they were at school together. (like)

c Complete the conversations with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs.



- A Did you know that Amy's in a band?
B No. *Have they been playing* together for a long time? (they / play)



- A How long was your flight?
B Twelve hours. _____ all day. (we / travel)



- A My brother has a very good job in New York.
B Really? How long _____ there? (he / work)



- A Diana's found a new flat, at last.
B Oh good! _____ one for ages. (she / look for)



- A Why does Liam's teacher want to see you?
B _____ his homework lately. (he / not do)



- A You're late.
B Yes, I know. Sorry. _____ long? (you / wait)



- A You look exhausted.
B _____ the children all day! (I / look after)



- A How's your football team doing, Pete?
B Very well, but _____ recently. I've hurt my foot. (I / not play)