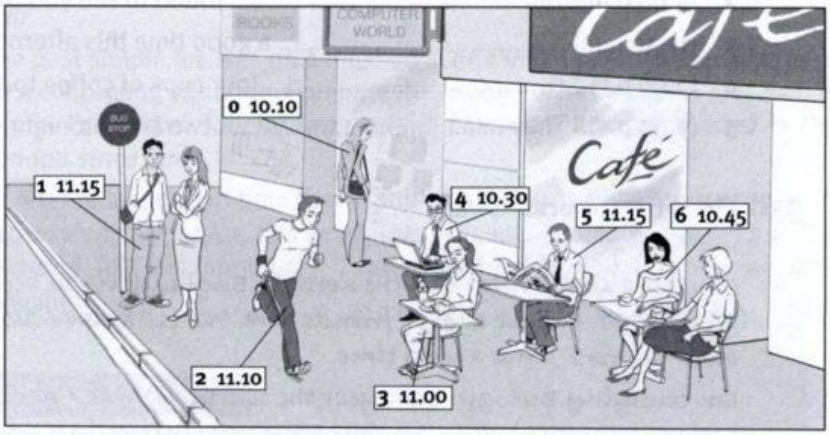
PRACTICE

34a The picture shows people doing different things and the times they started doing them. Look at it and complete the sentences. Use the present perfect continuous of the verbs in the box.



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The time now is 11.30 a.m.

0 She *'s been shopping* since ten past ten.
1 They ..... at the bus stop since quarter past eleven.
2 He ..... for twenty minutes.
3 She ..... there since eleven o'clock.
4 He ..... on his computer since half past ten.
5 He ..... his newspaper for fifteen minutes.
6 They ..... to each other for forty-five minutes.

34b Complete the conversation. Use the present perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

A: Hello! Sorry, but we're going to be a bit late. We're stuck in traffic. We (0) *'ve been sitting* (sit) here for about fifteen minutes. Are you still at home?
B: Yes. Has your journey been awful?
A: No, not too bad, but I'm tired. I (1) ..... (drive) all day.
B: How are Emily and Beth?
A: They're fine. They (2) ..... (sleep) since six!
B: (3) ..... (Emily / sing) to you? She sang to us when we went to France.
A: No! I hope she doesn't! Anyway, what (4) ..... (you / do) today?
B: Oh, not much. I (5) ..... (read) the book you lent me.
A: Is your brother there?
B: Yes. He's in his room. He's revising for a test. He (6) ..... (not do) very well at school lately.
A: Well, we're moving again, so we'll see you in about half an hour.

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