GRAMMAR Present perfect simple and continuous

1 Choose the correct verb forms.

1 It's time you changed your shirt. You've *worn / been wearing* it for three days!
2 I've *lost / been losing* my new sunglasses.
3 Her skin is red because she's *sunbathed / been sunbathing* without sunscreen.
4 How long have you *studied / been studying* fashion?
5 We've *sold / been selling* six of these dresses today.
6 I've *read / been reading* his latest book, but I'm not enjoying it.
7 You haven't *eaten / been eating* much of your lunch today.
8 They've *drunk / been drinking* coffee since they got up this morning.

2 Complete the email with the present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Tom

How are you? I hope you [1] _____ (keep) busy at college! We're having a great time here. The weather [2] _____ (be) fantastic so far!

I [3] _____ (sit) on the beach all morning, watching the world go by. I [4] _____ (already/have) a few ideas for new swimming costume designs for next term's fashion project!

Laura and I [5] _____ (meet) some interesting people who are staying in the same hotel as us. They [6] _____ (be) here for a couple of weeks already, and they [7] _____ (do) research for a project about beach fashions. Yes, they work in fashion too, just like us. In fact, they [8] _____ (apply) for jobs for the last few months without any luck, but they think that presenting a full design project will help. What a good idea!

Anyway, Laura [9] _____ (try) to attract my attention for the past five minutes, so I'd better see what she wants! I think she wants to go for lunch – we [10] _____ (not eat) since breakfast.

Bye for now,

Sally

3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences or put a tick (✓) by any you think are correct.

1 The football team has been playing badly last year. _____
2 I have been doing gymnastics for more than ten years. _____
3 Agustina is my best friend since we met in school when we were three years old. _____
4 I am playing classical guitar for three years. _____
5 Yesterday I have been hiking for five hours. _____
6 I have known Marion for ten years now. _____

VOCABULARY Verb + preposition

1 Complete the email with the prepositions in the box.

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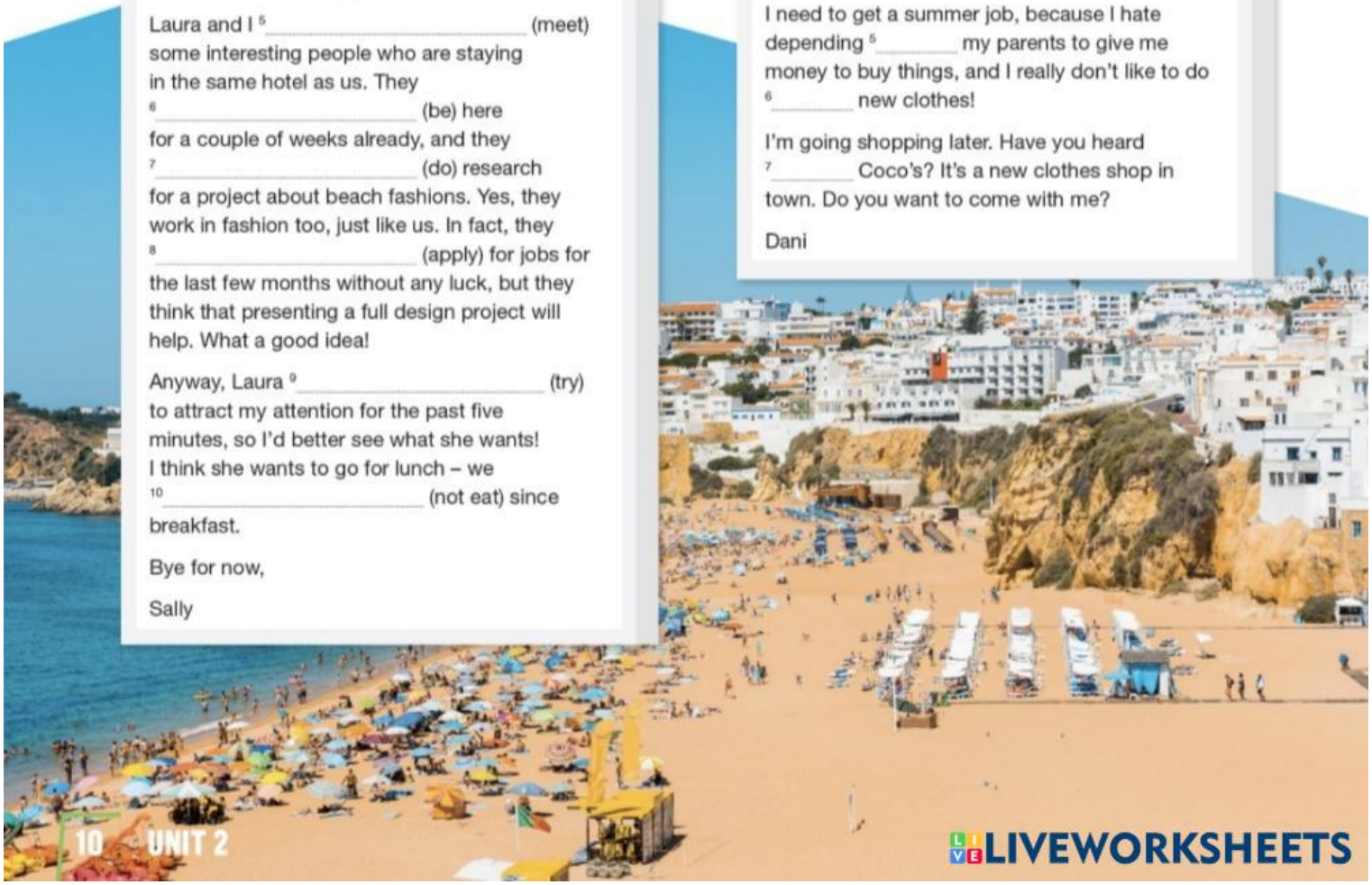
Hi Jane

I'm writing a quick note to apologise [1] _____ laughing [2] _____ your hat yesterday at school. The truth is, it was a really nice hat compared [3] _____ mine. I suppose I was jealous of you! Sometimes I just can't cope [4] _____ people having nicer things than me. It's very childish, I know.

I need to get a summer job, because I hate depending [5] _____ my parents to give me money to buy things, and I really don't like to do [6] _____ new clothes!

I'm going shopping later. Have you heard [7] _____ Coco's? It's a new clothes shop in town. Do you want to come with me?

Dani



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