GRAMMAR Present perfect continuous

1 **Write sentences in the present perfect continuous.**

1 You / play / that game / for hours / !

2 Sam and Sara / amuse / themselves / all day

3 We need to find out what / cause / the computer to crash

4 How long / you / learn / Spanish / ?

5 she / cry / for long / ?

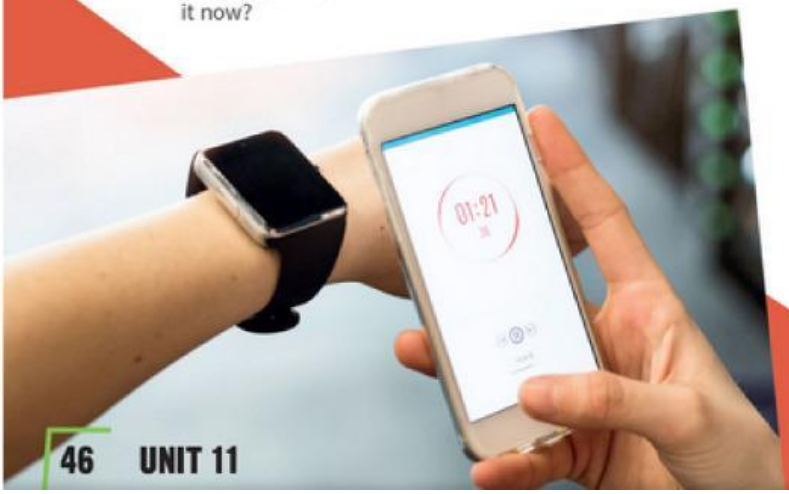
6 No, I / not / use / your laptop

2 **Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.**

1 I've *thought* / *been thinking* – we should get a new computer.
2 She's never *used* / *been using* an iPad before.
3 This is the first time they've *visited* / *been visiting* London.
4 The sun has *shone* / *been shining* all day today.
5 Have you *waited* / *been waiting* here for long?
6 Sorry, I haven't *finished* / *been finishing* my homework yet.
7 You look exhausted. What have you *done* / *been doing*?
8 How long have they *known* / *been knowing* each other?

3 **Complete the conversation with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

A: What's that you're wearing?
B: This? It's a fitness tracker – it measures the distance I run. It's really useful.
A: Oh. [1]_____ (you / use) it for long?
B: Yes, since I started running. I [2]_____ (run) every day for two years now.
A: To keep fit?
B: Yes, but I enjoy it. I [3]_____ (train) for a half-marathon recently.
A: Wow! How long do you run every day?
B: Well, today I [4]_____ (jog) for about an hour, but I'm going to stop now.
A: Oh, good. I [5]_____ (intend) to ask you about my party next weekend. Can we discuss it now?



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

Hi Mary,

How are you? I [1]_____ (not hear) from you for ages. What [2]_____ (you / do)? I [3]_____ (just have) some great news! I [4]_____ (be) accepted at the university in my home town to study computing. You know I [5]_____ (program) computers since I was 12 years old and I [6]_____ (want) to build a career in software design for ages – well now it's time to start studying seriously!

The trouble is, I'm so excited that I [7]_____ (not sleep) very well since I heard. I'm working in a café at the moment, and I [8]_____ (arrive) late a couple of times already. My boss [9]_____ (already warn) me twice, and if I'm late again, I'll lose my job. I don't care too much, though – I [10]_____ (save) quite a lot of money already.

I have to go now. Dad [11]_____ (ask) me all week to set up his new printer in his office, so that's what I'm going to do now. Then I'm going for a bike ride. It looks like it [12]_____ (rain), because the roads are wet – but the sun's shining now.

Write soon!

Jackie

5 **Correct the mistakes in three of the sentences. Which two are correct?**

1 I study English for two years.

2 I have been playing football since I was a child, and I like it very much.

3 I like children and I have been working in a similar job before.

4 I haven't written for so long, but I have been studying for my exams.

5 I was thinking about the ideas you suggested, but I haven't decided yet.

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