

2A GRAMMAR present perfect simple and continuous

- a Complete the conversation with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or continuous.



Doctor Mrs Jones! Would you like to come through now, please?

Patient Oh, thank goodness! I ¹ *'ve been waiting* (**wait**) for ages.

Doctor Yes, sorry about that. We ² _____ (**be**) extremely busy all morning. Now then, ³ _____ (**I / not see**) you this week already, Mrs Jones?

Patient Yes, doctor. Actually, this is the third time I ⁴ _____ (**come**) to see you this week. I was last here on Wednesday. ⁵ _____ (**you / forget**)? I had a terrible sore throat. Anyway, I took your advice and I ⁶ _____ (**drink**) plenty of water and I ⁷ _____ (**not talk**) too much.

Doctor Right, and ⁸ _____ (**your throat / hurt**) less since then?

Patient Oh, yes. It feels much better now.

Doctor Ah, that's great news. So, ...

Patient Well, yes, it is, but now I've got a more serious problem with my foot. It ⁹ _____ (**be**) swollen since yesterday and I ¹⁰ _____ (**not be able**) to walk on it properly.

Doctor OK. If you could just lie down here on the...

Patient I think maybe I ¹¹ _____ (**have**) an allergic reaction to something. I ¹² _____ (**take**) antihistamine tablets every four hours, but they ¹³ _____ (**not make**) any difference.

Doctor Right, Mrs Jones. If you would please lie down here on the couch, I'll take a look...hmm. Well, there really is absolutely nothing to worry about. It's just a blister.

Patient Really? Hmm. Well, I ¹⁴ _____ (**just / buy**) these new shoes, so maybe they caused the problem.

Doctor Yes, I'd say that's very likely. Now, I'll put a plaster on it and I'm sure it'll be fine in a few days.

Patient Alright then. Thank you, doctor.

- b Complete the questions with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or continuous.

- 1 How long *have* you *had* your phone? (**have**)
- 2 _____ you ever _____ in an accident? (**be injured**)
- 3 How long _____ you _____ to this school? (**come**)
- 4 How many classes _____ you _____ this year? (**miss**)
- 5 How long _____ you _____ in your current home? (**live**)
- 6 _____ you ever _____ abroad? (**study**)

ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in b. Ask your partner for more information.