

## perfecting new skills

### A. VOCABULARY: Describing progress

Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

have    save    spend    waste

- A You've been \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time working on your new website lately, haven't you?  
B Yeah, I learned how to code, so I can \_\_\_\_\_ time and work more quickly.  
A That's great. Do you think you'll \_\_\_\_\_ time to help me with my website?  
B Well, not today. My computer crashed! I've \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time trying to fix it. I can't figure it out.

### B. GRAMMAR: Present perfect vs Present perfect continuous

Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. I've **looked / been looking** for a new job for the past month.
2. I've **had / been having** three job interviews so far.
3. I've **worked / been working** part-time during my job search.
4. She's **gone / been going** to the supermarket five times this week.
5. She's **tried / been trying** new recipes since she started her cooking classes.
6. She's **taken / been taking** cooking classes for a few months.

Complete each sentence with the **present perfect or present perfect continuous form of the verb in parentheses ()** and a word or phrase in the box.

a chance    a lot of time    it easy    my best    nowhere

1. I decided that I need a break, so I \_\_\_\_\_ lately. (take)
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ but I still can't work as quickly as you can. I'll keep trying. (do)
3. Oh no! This is the wrong paint! I \_\_\_\_\_ Now I have to paint all the walls again. (waste)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ on this project after three days of work, so I'm moving onto a different one. (get)
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to read this book yet, but I'm going to start reading it tonight. (not / have)

