

1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 I can't believe it, Inspector. You mean that Smith *stole/has stolen/has been stealing* money from the till all this time!
- 2 You three boys look very guilty! What *did you do/have you done/have you been doing* since I *left/have left* the room?
- 3 Why on earth *didn't you tell/haven't you told* me about that loose floorboard? I *tripped/have tripped* over it just now and hurt myself.
- 4 It's a long time since I *saw/have seen/have been seeing* your brother Paul. What *did he do/has he done/has he been doing* lately?
- 5 I can't believe that you *ate/have eaten/have been eating* three pizzas already! I *only brought/have only brought* them in fifteen minutes ago!
- 6 Don't forget that you *didn't see/haven't seen* Mrs Dawson. She *has waited/has been waiting* outside since 10.30.
- 7 What *did you think/have you thought* of Brighton? *Did you stay/Have you stayed* there long?
- 8 I feel really tired. I *weeded/have weeded/have been weeding* the garden for the last three hours and I *didn't rest/haven't rested* for a single moment.
- 9 I'm having problems with David. He *has called/has been calling* me up in the middle of the night and *told/telling* me his troubles.
- 10 How long *did you have/have you had/have you been having* driving lessons? And *did you take/have you taken/have you been taking* your test yet?

2 Decide how many different endings (a–j) you can find for sentences (1–10). The sentences you make must be appropriate and meaningful.

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| 1 I haven't been feeling very well ... <i>e, h</i> | a time and time again. |
| 2 I went to the dentist's | b all my life. |
| 3 I've lived here | c so far. |
| 4 Don't worry. I haven't been waiting | d for the time being. |
| 5 I've written two pages | e for the past hour or two. |
| 6 I waited outside your house | f yet. |
| 7 I've warned you about this | g till half past eight. |
| 8 I haven't made a decision | h for a while. |
| 9 The repair worked | i the other day. |
| 10 I've decided to believe you | j long. |

LANGUAGE PRACTICE

Complete each sentence with a suitable perfect or past tense form of the verb in brackets.



- 1 So far we (not/notice) haven't noticed anything unusual, but we (not/pay) very close attention.
- 2 I'm sorry I (not/come) to class lately.
- 3 I (work) late in the evenings for the past fortnight.
- 4 I wonder if Mary (reach) home yet? She (leave) too late to catch the bus.
- 5 Here is the news. The Home Office (announce) from Dartmoor prison earlier two prisoners who (escape) to local police.
- 6 (you/make up) your minds? What (you/decide) this morning (give themselves up) to do?
- 7 Harry (leave) home rather suddenly and we (not/hear) from him since.
- 8 Recent research (show) that Columbus (not/discover) America, but that Vikings (land) there five hundred years before him.
- 9 I think that people (become) tired of the poor quality of television programmes, though they (improve) lately.
- 10 (something/happen) to the phone lines? I (try) to get through to Glasgow for the past hour.
- 11 Bill (get) that new job, but he (complain) about it ever since.

GRAMMAR 4 PRESENT PERFECT

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- 1 This has been my home for thirty years.
I lived have lived here for thirty years.
- 2 Eating Korean food is new to me.
I never before.
- 3 Tony hasn't been to Paris before.
It's to Paris.
- 4 We haven't been swimming for ages.
It's swimming.
- 5 Mary started learning French five years ago.
Mary has five years.
- 6 I am on the tenth page of this letter I am writing.
So far I of this letter.
It's over twenty years since they got married.
They have than twenty years.
- 8 The last time I saw Dick was in 2007.
I haven't 2007.
- 9 There is a definite improvement in your work.
Lately improved.
- 10 This is my second visit to Hungary.
This is the Hungary.

5 Underline the correct phrase in each sentence.

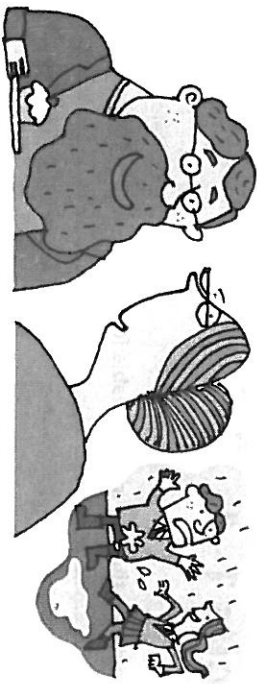
- 1 The price of petrol has risen/has been rising by 15% over the past year.
- 2 No wonder you are overweight! You have eaten/You have been eating chocolates all day long!
- 3 I've read/I've been reading a really good book this morning.
- 4 Doesn't this room look better? I've put/I've been putting some posters up on the walls.
- 5 Don't disappoint me! I've counted/I've been counting on you.
- 6 Don't forget your pill. Have you taken it?/Have you been taking it?
- 7 Who has worn/has been wearing my scarf?
- 8 I think there's something wrong with your motorbike. It's made/It's been making some very funny noises.
- 9 Jack has asked/has been asking for a pay rise three times this year.
- 10 I've been phoning/I've phoned Ann all evening, but there's no reply.

6 Complete the text with the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

Three weeks ago I (1) moved (move) to London, full of enthusiasm, to start a new job, but ever since I (2) (arrive) in the capital, I (3) (wonder) whether this was the right decision. Before coming here, I (4) (hear) a lot of great things about life in London, but since arriving I can't really say that the city (5) (make) a favourable impression on me. It's so crowded and the people are so unfriendly, and I (6) (spend) hours every day on the underground going to and from work. You see, I (7) (grow up) in a small town in Wales and I (8) (not be) away from home before. Of course, I (9) (always/want) to see the world, so when my company (10) (offer) me a post in the London office, I (11) (actually/jump) at the chance. The problem is that now I (12) (start) living here, I can see that there are lots of reasons for being back in Wales! In fact, according to a piece I (13) (come across) in the paper the other day, a lot of large companies (14) (choose) to move away from the centre of London recently. I feel so miserable that I (15) (secretly/hope) my company might decide to move too, and that I'll be able to go back to Wales.

7 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1 It's a long time since/when I last saw you.
- 2 I've seen Bill quite often lately/from time to time.
- 3 Have you spoken to the director beforehand/already?
- 4 I've lived in the same house for years/for ever.
- 5 I've read the paper now/still.
- 6 Jan has bought a computer two years ago/since then.
- 7 Nothing much has been happening by now/so far.
- 8 I've finished reading her new book at last/this evening.
- 9 Sue bought a CD player last week and she's been listening to music ever since/for a while.
- 10 Sorry, but I haven't got that work finished already/yet.



8 Match the expressions (1–10) with the explanations of when they might be said (a–j).

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| 1 Have you heard the one about ...? ...d | a | Saying you don't follow what someone is saying. |
| 2 I haven't seen you for ages! | b | Having doubts about a big decision. |
| 3 I've had enough of this! | c | Having a brilliant idea. |
| 4 Sorry, you've lost me! | d | Introducing a joke. |
| 5 I've had a brainwaver! | e | Declining more food. |
| 6 It's been one of those days! | f | Spreading gossip. |
| 7 I've had enough, thanks. | g | Seeing an old face from the past. |
| 8 I haven't had a chance yet. | h | Having a frustrating time, when everything is going wrong. |
| 9 I've been having second thoughts. | i | Wanting to stop doing something because it's annoying you. |
| 10 Oh, haven't you heard? | j | Apologizing for not doing something you said you'd do. |