

## 125 The present perfect simple and continuous

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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense: present perfect simple or present perfect continuous.

- 1 Peter: You (telephone) for ages. You not nearly (finish)?  
Jack: I (not get) through yet. I (try) to get our Paris office but the line (be) engaged all morning.
- 2 Ann (fail) her driving test three times because she's so bad at reversing. But she (practise) reversing for the last week and I think she (get) a bit better at it.
- 3 Tom: I often (wonder) why Bill left the country so suddenly.  
Peter: Actually, I just (find) out.
- 4 He (play) the bagpipes since six o'clock this morning. He only just (stop).
- 5 Why you (not bring) me the letters for signature? You (not type) them yet?
- 6 Tom (looking up absent-mindedly as Mary comes in): You (sunbathe)?  
Mary (crossly): Don't be ridiculous! It (rain) all day!
- 7 A pair of robins (build) a nest in the porch since last week. I (watch) them from my window since they began.
- 8 The police (not find) the murderer yet, but the dead man's brother (be) in the station all day. The police say that he (help) them with their enquiries.

KEY:

Exercise 125 1 have been telephoning; Haven't you nearly finished; haven't got; have been trying, has been 2 has failed; has been practising, has got 3 have often wondered; have just found out 4 has been playing; has only just stopped 5 haven't you brought; Haven't you typed 6 Have you been sunbathing; has been raining/ has rained 7 have been building; have been watching/have watched 8 haven't found, has been; has been helping