

### 1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect continuous.

- 1 She has been studying for an hour. (study)
- 2 Dad \_\_\_\_\_ the news. (read)
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ since they got here. (argue)
- 4 The kids \_\_\_\_\_ Monopoly. (play)
- 5 Kim \_\_\_\_\_ for new shoes. (shop)
- 6 We \_\_\_\_\_ a great time! (have)
- 7 They \_\_\_\_\_ that stadium for a decade now. (build)

### 2 Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous and a word from the list.

*not-do* | go | not feel | tidy | get | not play

- 1 I haven't been doing much lately.
- 2 He \_\_\_\_\_ his room all morning.
- 3 They \_\_\_\_\_ ready to go out for two hours now!
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ my guitar much lately.
- 5 How \_\_\_\_\_ school \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6 She \_\_\_\_\_ well.

### 3 Make sentences with the present perfect continuous and *for* or *since*.

- 1 Mary / watch / TV / hours  
Mary's been watching TV for hours.
- 2 Jim / practise / the trumpet / five o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 They / train / very hard / months  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I / lie / the park / 10am  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 They / take / singing lessons / two months  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I / go / London / every year / I was 22  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Use the words to make questions in the present perfect simple or continuous.

- 1 How long / had / shoes? (for)  
How long have you had your shoes.?
- 2 How long / know / how to swim? (since)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 How long / come / to this school? (for)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 How long / be / awake? (for)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 How long / live / your house? (since)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 How long / the weather / be / nice? (since)  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 5 Answer the questions from exercise 4 so that they are true for you.

- 1 I've had my shoes for a year.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

### 6 Complete the conversation using the present perfect simple or continuous.

**Zach:** I think he <sup>1</sup> has forgotten (forget) about us.

**Mia:** I agree. We <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) here for an hour and nobody <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) our order.

**Zach:** He <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) over there talking on the phone for ten minutes now.

**Mia:** I know. That family arrived after us and they <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) for ten minutes now.

**Zach:** Maybe he thinks we <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (already order)

**Mia:** I don't know, but I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) enough. I'm going to talk to the manager.

### Answer Key

#### 1

- 1 *has been studying*
- 2 *has been reading*
- 3 *have been arguing*
- 4 *have been playing*
- 5 *has been shopping*
- 6 *have been having*
- 7 *have been building*

#### 2

- 1 *haven't been doing*
- 2 *has been tidying*
- 3 *have been getting*
- 4 *haven't been playing*
- 5 *has; been going*
- 6 *hasn't been feeling*

#### 3

- 1 *Mary's been watching TV for hours.*
- 2 *Jim's been practising the trumpet since five o'clock.*
- 3 *They've been training very hard for months.*
- 4 *We have been collecting CDs since we were children.*
- 5 *I have been lying in the park since 10am.*
- 6 *They've been taking singing lessons for two months.*
- 7 *I've been going to London every year for since I was 22.*

#### 4

- 1 *How long have you had your shoes?*
- 2 *How long have you known how to swim?*
- 3 *How long have been coming to this school?*
- 4 *How long have you been awake?*
- 5 *How long have you lived in your house?*
- 6 *How long has the weather been nice?*

#### 5 (possible answers)

- 1 *I've had my shoes for a year.*
- 2 *I've known how to swim since I was three.*
- 3 *I've been coming here for nine years.*
- 4 *I've been awake for two hours.*
- 5 *I've lived there since I was born.*
- 6 *The weather has been nice since last week.*

#### 6

- 1 *has forgotten*
- 2 *have been waiting*
- 3 *has taken*
- 4 *has been standing*
- 5 *been eating*
- 6 *have already ordered*
- 7 *have had enough*