

### 3 Write *been* or *gone*.

- 1 Hannah isn't at school. She's \_\_\_\_\_ home.
- 2 You're late. Where have you \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3 'Is Jackie coming to the party this evening?' 'No, she's \_\_\_\_\_ to London.'
- 4 Jack's \_\_\_\_\_ shopping, but he'll be back soon.
- 5 Nice sun! Have you \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday?

### 4 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London between 2009 and 2012.
- 2 'Emeli Sandé \_\_\_\_\_ (just / bring out) a new record. \_\_\_\_\_ (you / hear) it yet?'  
'Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (download) it last night.'
- 3 'Sorry I'm late! \_\_\_\_\_ (you / be) here long?'  
'No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (just / arrive).'
- 4 '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever / visit) the USA?' 'Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) there last summer.'
- 5 '\_\_\_\_\_ (you / eat) before you \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) home?'  
'Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) this MP3 player for a year.

## 2.2 Present perfect simple and continuous

We form the present perfect continuous like this:

*have / has been + -ing form*

*We've been doing housework.*

We use the present perfect continuous:

- for an action that began in the past and is still in progress. We often use *for* or *since* to say how long the action has been in progress.  
*I've been learning the saxophone since 2010.*
- for an action that has recently been in progress and which explains the current situation.  
*I've been tidying my room. It looks a lot better now!*

- for an action that has happened repeatedly during a recent period (rather than continuously).  
*I've been getting a lot of junk emails recently.*

We form the present perfect simple like this:

*have / has been + past participle*

We use the present perfect simple:

- for an action that began in the past and is still in progress. We often use *for* or *since* to say how long the action has been in progress, particularly when it is a long time.  
*I've lived in this house since I was a child.*
- for an action that has recently been in progress, when we want to make clear that it is now completed.  
*I've done my homework. Let's go out!*
- with verbs not used in continuous tenses.  
*She's had that car for years.*  
~~NOT *She's been having that car for years.* X~~

### 1 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the correct affirmative, negative or interrogative form of the present perfect continuous.

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- 1 My eyes are sore. I \_\_\_\_\_ computer games for too long!
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks so that we can pay for our next holiday.
- 3 I'm so happy you phoned. I \_\_\_\_\_ about you all day.
- 4 I love the new sitcom on BBC1. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- 5 She recently bought a new bike, but she \_\_\_\_\_ it much.
- 6 Maybe her phone is broken. She \_\_\_\_\_ my calls.
- 7 My hands are cold because we \_\_\_\_\_ a snowman.
- 8 I hope they enjoy the food. I \_\_\_\_\_ for hours!

### 2 Complete the second sentence in each pair to mean the same as the first. Use the correct affirmative or negative form of the present perfect continuous.

- 1 It started snowing just a short time ago.  
It \_\_\_\_\_ for very long.
- 2 I put these jeans on yesterday afternoon, and I haven't taken them off yet!  
I \_\_\_\_\_ these jeans since yesterday afternoon!
- 3 I started feeling unwell two days ago.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ well for two days.
- 4 She sat down in the sun three hours ago, and she hasn't moved.  
She \_\_\_\_\_ in the sun for three hours now.
- 5 I began this book nearly a year ago, and I haven't finished it yet.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ this book for nearly a year.
- 6 We moved to Scotland three years ago.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ in Scotland for three years now.