


## Practice

- 1 Write sentences, using the words below and the present perfect continuous form of the verbs. Then write true answers for questions 5 and 6.  3.13 Listen and check.

- 0 We / wait / for ages *We've been waiting for ages.*
- 00 How long / you / wait ? *How long have you been waiting?*
- 1 David / watch TV / all afternoon .....
- 2 What / he / do ? .....
- 3 Elizabeth / not work / this week .....
- 4 My grandparents / not feel well / recently .....
- 5 How long / you / study English ? .....
- 6 How long / you use / this book ? .....

- 2 Match the situations A–I with the explanations 1–8. Then complete the explanations with suitable verbs from the box. Use the present perfect continuous.

eat lift listen not brush ~~not live~~ not sleep run study use

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| A John's put on a lot of weight.                      | F Alec's got big muscles.                            |
| B Aleesha's sweating and her legs ache.               | G Marianne's looking very tanned.                    |
| C Mike's ears hurt.                                   | H Debbie expects to get an A in the test.            |
| D Clare's feeling tired.                              | I Marcus is at the dentist. He needs three fillings. |
| E <del>Rashid still doesn't speak much English.</del> |  |
- 0 He *hasn't been living* in the UK for long. *E*
- 1 She ..... a sun bed. ....
- 2 He ..... to loud music. ....
- 3 He ..... too many desserts. ....
- 4 She ..... very hard. ....
- 5 He ..... his teeth properly. ....
- 6 She ..... a marathon. ....
- 7 He ..... weights at the gym. ....
- 8 She ..... very well recently. ....

- 3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Choose the correct words in *italics*.

 3.14 Listen and check.

“You won't believe this but (0) *I've* / *I'm* been learning to drive! I suppose it's a bit late to learn to drive at my age, but my husband used to do all the driving. So when he died I really needed to learn. In fact I've really been (1) *enjoyed* / *enjoying* it. I've (2) *had* / *been having* lessons for six months now. I suppose I've (3) *been having* / *had* about thirty lessons so far. I've (4) *gone* / *been going* to the local driving school. The instructors are very friendly and it's quite close to my house. But it's rather expensive. I've already (5) *spent* / *been spending* over £500! After the first ten lessons I (6) *took* / *have been taking* my first test. It was a disaster! Of course, I didn't pass. Since then I've been (7) *tried* / *trying* to improve, but it isn't easy at my age. I find it's very difficult to change gears smoothly because of my bad leg – for the last ten years I (8) *am* / *'ve been* suffering from arthritis, which makes my leg stiff. I've (9) *taken* / *been taking* some special vitamins which seem to help – I take two each day. My instructor says I should use an automatic car, but I think I prefer manual ones. Although in fact I've never (10) *driven* / *been driving* an automatic car, so perhaps I should give it a try ...”

