

**D** Complete using the correct present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.

**Mandy:** Hi Matt. How are you? What (1) ..... (you / do) recently?

**Matt:** Oh, hi Mandy! Well, (2) ..... (I / study) for my exams.

**Mandy:** That sounds boring! (3) ..... (you / work) hard?

**Matt:** Very! Basically, (4) ..... (I / just / sit) at my desk in my bedroom for the past three weeks and (5) ..... (I / not / go) out at all.

(6) ..... (I / work) with Michael, my best friend, some of the time, though, so at least I've had some company. How about you?

**Mandy:** Well, my mum and (7) ..... (I / paint) my bedroom for the last few days. That has been fun! And (8) ..... (we / also / plan) our summer holiday.

**Matt:** Great! Where are you going?

**Mandy:** Well, we haven't decided yet. (9) ..... (We / look) at different places to see which we like best.

**Matt:** I'm sure you'll have a great time, wherever you go. Oh, by the way, (10) ..... (I / think) of having a party when I finish my exams. Would you like to come?

**Mandy:** Sure! That would be great!

**E** Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 I think I've **heard** / **been hearing** that song before.
- 2 They haven't **arrived** / **been arriving** yet, but they should be here soon.
- 3 You've **written** / **been writing** that e-mail for over an hour. How long is it going to take you?
- 4 Have you **talked** / **been talking** on the phone since eight o'clock?
- 5 Jo has already **invited** / **been inviting** Shirley to dinner.
- 6 I've **read** / **been reading** an interview with Brad Pitt, but I haven't finished it yet.
- 7 Have the boys **played** / **been playing** computer games since this morning?

**F** Complete using the words in the box.

already • ever • for • just • never • since • yet

- 1 I haven't listened to their new CD ..... . Is it any good?
- 2 We've been waiting for you ..... over an hour. Where have you been?
- 3 Have you ..... been to the UK before?
- 4 I'm afraid we've ..... made plans for this weekend, so we won't be free.
- 5 Pedro has been having English lessons ..... he was five years old.
- 6 It's strange that you mention the film *Crash*. I've ..... been reading about it in the paper.
- 7 I've ..... heard of a 'sudoku'. What is it?

**Put the verbs into the correct form: present perfect simple or present perfect continuous.**

- 1 John's terribly upset. *He's broken off* (he / break off) his engagement to Megan. Apparently *she's been seeing* (she / see) someone else while *he's been* (he / be) in Africa.
- 2 Could you translate this Arabic song for me? I understood Arabic when I was a child, but ..... (I / forget) it all.
- 3 What's that mark on the side of the car? ..... (you / have) an accident?
- 4 The lock on this case is broken. .... (you / play about) with it?
- 5 Your Portuguese is very good. .... (you / study) it long?
- 6 Of course you don't know what I think! ..... (you / never / ask) my opinion.
- 7 I'm not surprised ..... (he / fail) the exam.  
..... (he / not / work) hard recently.
- 8 Mina's hands are very dirty. .... (she / repair) her bike.
- 9 I'm going to make some lunch for the kids. .... (they / swim) all morning. I'm sure they're hungry.
- 10 ..... (I / do) grammar exercises all morning. I deserve a break.
- 11 Where's my phone? This is the third time ..... (I / lose) it today!
- 12 Oh, do be quiet. .... (you / grumble) all weekend!
- 13 Since Maria won that talent show .....  
(she / spend) money like there's no tomorrow. ....  
(she / buy) a new car and ..... (she / move) to a big new house. .... (she / throw) wonderful parties at her new house every weekend too. In fact, I'm going to one tomorrow.

**A** Complete using the correct past perfect simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 By the time I arrived, everyone ..... (**leave**)!
- 2 Steve ..... (**already / see**) the film, so he didn't come with us to the cinema.
- 3 Tina ..... (**not / finish**) doing the housework by seven o'clock, so she called Andrea to tell her she would be late.
- 4 ..... (**you / just / speak**) to Billy when I rang?
- 5 The car broke down just after ..... (**we / set off**).
- 6 I didn't eat anything at the party because ..... (**I / already / eat**) at home.
- 7 ..... (**you / hear**) about the accident before you saw it on TV?

**B** Choose the sentence (A or B) which means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 We'd had dinner when Wendy arrived.  
A Wendy arrived and then we had dinner.  
B We had dinner and then Wendy arrived.
- 2 I read the book after I'd seen the film.  
A I saw the film and then I read the book.  
B I read the book and then I saw the film.
- 3 By the time Dad came home, I'd gone to bed.  
A I went to bed before Dad came home.  
B I went to bed after Dad came home.
- 4 She didn't go to bed until her mum had come home.  
A She went to bed and then her mum came home.  
B Her mum came home and then she went to bed.
- 5 Mr Banks hadn't arrived at the office by the time I got there.  
A I arrived before Mr Banks.  
B Mr Banks arrived before me.
- 6 They'd bought the plane tickets before they heard about the cheaper flight.  
A They bought the plane tickets and later they heard about the cheaper flight.  
B They heard about the cheaper flight and then they bought the plane tickets.
- 7 The girls had tidied the house when the visitors arrived.  
A The visitors arrived and later the girls tidied the house.  
B The girls tidied the house and then the visitors arrived.

**C** Write sentences using the prompts. One of the verbs must be in the past perfect simple.

1 we / just / hear / the news / when / you / ring

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2 I / already / think of / that / before / you / suggest / it

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3 when / I / turn on / the TV / the programme / already / start

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4 she / be / hungry / because / she / not / eat / anything / all day

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5 by the time / I leave / school / I / decide / to become / a musician

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