

## • Present Perfect/Present Perfect Continuous

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- a) Read the email and circle examples of actions which:
- happened at an unstated time in the past.
  - started in the past and continue up to the present.

What tense is used? What *time expressions* go with this tense?

- b) Find examples of verb forms which emphasise the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present. Which *time expression* is used?

Hi Jim,

Sorry I haven't emailed you in a while but there has been so much school work to do that I haven't been checking my emails regularly. We've been doing a project on the environment, which has been really interesting.

How are the violin lessons going? Have you been practising much? I'm worried that I haven't been doing enough and the concert is next Friday! Still, it will all be over soon and then it's the holidays! I have spent so much time at home recently that I'm really looking forward to getting some fresh air. My parents rented a house in the Cotswolds for a week. Isn't it great! We have been going there for years but I never get bored of it. It's so beautiful!

I can't remember if I've told you but my parents are planning to move house. They have been looking for somewhere in Hampstead so that they can be near work.

What are your plans? Are you going away? And how's your brother? Has he won any more races? He's such a talented driver!

Anyway, I have to get back to work now. Send me an email when you get the chance. Speak to you soon.

Michael

- c) Fill in the blanks using the *present perfect* or *present perfect continuous* of the verbs in brackets.

- A: My new shoes ..... (cost) me a fortune.  
B: Well, I ..... (buy) shoes from the small corner shop in my neighbourhood for years now and I have no complaints.
- A: Where's Dan?  
B: He ..... (just/go) to the post office. He'll be back soon.
- A: Dave ..... (learn) to drive for six months.  
B: I know. He ..... (not/pass) his test yet, though.
- A: My uncle is painting his house again.  
B: Again? He ..... (paint) it three times this year already.
- A: ..... (John/wake up) yet?  
B: Not yet, he ..... (sleep) since last night. I think he's really tired.
- A: George ..... (train) for the race for months.  
B: I know. He ..... (practise) really hard for the last two weeks.

## • Exclamations

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- a) Find all *exclamations* in the email. How do we form *exclamations*?

- b) Rewrite the sentences as *exclamations*.

- Have you ever seen such a beautiful view?  
► *What a beautiful view!*
- Your house is bright and spacious.  
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- Jenny is a hardworking student.  
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- Is Max a friendly cat?  
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- She is so conscientious at work!