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In Style

A. Read the sentences. Underline the verbs in the present perfect simple and present perfect progressive. Then, for each, write *PPS* for the present perfect simple or *PPP* for present perfect progressive.

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| 1. I've just eaten lunch. Let's just go for some coffee now. | <u>PPS</u> |
| 2. Margaret has been very busy. She hasn't sent the emails yet. | <u>PPS</u> |
| 3. John has been studying all day. | <u>PPP</u> |
| 4. What have you been doing? | <u>PPP</u> |
| 5. You'll be tired tomorrow. You've been dancing for hours. | <u>PPP</u> |
| 6. Did you turn your cell phone off? I've been calling you all day. | <u>PPS</u> |
| 7. How much of the job have the workers completed? | <u>PPS</u> |
| 8. Sandra has read six chapters of the book already. | <u>PPS</u> |



B. Write two complete sentences for each item following the example.

- Dr. Jones / work / 9.30 // see / ten / patients.
Dr. Jones has been working since 9:30. He has seen ten patients.
- Jack and Colin / fish / two hours // catch / twelve fish.
Jack and Colin have been fishing for two hours. They have caught twelve fish.
- The artist / paint / all week // complete / the portrait.
The artist has been painting all week. She has completed the portrait.
- Victoria / watch DVDs / 3:00 // see / three movies.
Victoria has been watching DVDs since 3.00. She has seen three movies.
- The boys / play / 11:00 // give / their mother a headache.
The boys have been playing since 11.00. They have given their mother a headache.
- The woman / knit / all day // make / two scarves.
The woman has been knitting all day. She has made two scarves.
- Edgar / teach / he was twenty-three // work / in many different schools.
Edgar has been teaching since he was twenty-three. He has worked in many different schools.
- Emma / write / all weekend // finish / two chapters of her new novel.
Emma has been writing all weekend. She has finished two chapters of her new novel.

C. Complete the conversations. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect progressive of the verbs in the parentheses.

Jessica: Hello, Linda! How are you?

Linda: All right. I (1) have been working (work) on the math homework all afternoon. I (2) have finished (finish) most of it.

Jessica: Good. (3) Have you started (start) on your science project yet?

Linda: Not yet, but I'm going to do it this weekend.

George: Hi, Robin. How's it going? (4) Have you (ask) asked your parents for permission to go on the trip? We'll have a great time!

Robin: I (5) have talked (talk) to my mother, but she said no. According to her, I (6) haven't worked (not work) hard enough at school this term. My teachers (7) have complained (complain) about my attitude lately, so . . . (8) Have you (buy) bought the tickets yet?

George: We're going to get them this afternoon.

Robin: Well, don't buy one for me.

Lynn: (9) Have you heard (hear) about Jenny? She (10) has been fired (be fired).

Frances: No! Why was she fired?

Lynn: Well, according to Beatrice, she (11) hasn't been (not be) sick at all these last few weeks. Instead, she (12) has been looking (look) around for another job. And when she (13) has come (come) to work, she always goes home early.

Frances: That's really bad! Do you know if she (14) has found (find) another job?

Lynn: No, I don't.



D. Match the questions and the answers.

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| 1. <u> f </u> Do you know Rio well? | a. No. I haven't finished using it yet. |
| 2. <u> h </u> Why are you so excited? | b. Yes. She has been working there for four years now. |
| 3. <u> c </u> How do you feel? | c. Terrible! I think I've caught a cold. |
| 4. <u> b </u> Does your sister still work at the hospital? | d. I've been fighting with my brother over silly things. |
| 5. <u> g </u> Where's your boyfriend? | e. Sorry, I can't. I haven't finished doing my chores. |
| 6. <u> a </u> Could you lend me your dictionary? | f. Yes. I've been living here for three years. |
| 7. <u> e </u> Can we go to the movies this afternoon? | g. He's gone to the football game. |
| 8. <u> d </u> Why are you so upset? | h. I can't believe it, but I've won first prize! |

E. Write sentences using the present perfect progressive with *since* or *for*.

- Ed started learning Spanish when he was twenty-three. He's now twenty-nine.
Ed has been learning English since he was twenty-three.
- Mark started collecting stamps in 2007. He still collects them.
Mark has been collecting stamps since 2007.
- My mother started working at the store when she was thirty. She's forty-six now.
My mother has been working at the store for sixteen years.
- Terry and Angela sat down to do the jigsaw puzzle at nine this morning. It's six-thirty now and they still haven't finished it.
Terry and Angela have been doing the jigsaw puzzle for nine and a half hours.

F. Answer the questions about yourself. *Answers will vary.*

- How long have you been studying English?

- How long have you lived in this town/city?

- How long have you been attending this school?

- How long have you known your best friends?

- G. Read the passage. Then write questions for the answers below.



People have celebrated Halloween by wearing costumes for centuries, but the custom has been getting more popular around the world recently.

Wearing costumes and masks on Halloween, October 31, may have started out of fear of spirits of the dead. Christians celebrated a holiday to honor the dead the next day, November 1. People thought that if they disguised themselves, the spirits would not recognize or harm them. People later started the custom of going from house to house in their costumes to beg for money. Often they would perform at the doors of people's houses in return for the money. The custom today of wearing costumes and of going from house to house to ask for candy and other treats comes from these old traditions.

People in the United States have been wearing costumes on Halloween since the 1800s, when Irish immigrants brought the tradition with them. At first, only adults wore costumes, but since the early 1900s, the holiday is mostly celebrated by children.

Popular costumes have long been ones of spirits and monsters such as ghosts, devils, and witches. Nowadays children have started to wear costumes of heroes. They may be comic book heroes like Spider Man or Batman or fictional characters from popular animated films. In the past, people made their own costumes, but since the 1950s, many people have been buying them in stores. However, many people like to be creative and design their costumes.

1. for centuries How long have people been celebrating Halloween?
2. so that spirits would not recognize them Why do people disguise?
3. since the early 1900s When did children start celebrating Halloween?
4. costumes of heroes What costumes do children usually wear?
5. since the 1950s When did the people start buying their costumes?

H. Writing Corner

Write about a costume you have worn or would like to wear.



Answers will vary.
