



ENGLISH

Chapter 12 Session A

5th
SECONDARY

CAREER PATHS
Present Perfect Progressive



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WRITING

A For and Against Essay

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Read and listen. Does Jenny agree with using robots?



Advantages and Disadvantages of Using Robots



- 1 Nowadays, robots are already used for many jobs, and scientists are trying to develop robots that can do chores at home such as cleaning. However, this technology has both positive and negative aspects.
- 2 On the one hand, robots have several advantages. One advantage is that they can do boring or dangerous tasks. Another advantage is that if a robot does all your

chores such as making meals or cleaning your room, then you'll have more time to relax or do other things such as sports. Lastly, robots can do most things faster than humans and they don't make mistakes.

- 3 On the other hand, robots have some disadvantages. Firstly, they are expensive to make or buy. Secondly, they use a lot of energy, which is expensive and not very environmentally friendly. Finally, like all machines, they break down and have to be repaired or replaced.
- 4 In conclusion, I would agree that using robots has some negative aspects. However, in my opinion it has more advantages than disadvantages because robots can make our lives easier.



2 Answer the questions.

- a** What advantages does Jenny present in her essay?

- b** What is Jenny's overall opinion on this matter?

- 3** Read the essay again. Match paragraphs 1-4 with the descriptions in the box.

arguments in favor ☐ conclusion ☐
introduction ☐ arguments against ☐



LANGUAGE FOCUS

Linkers of Contrast and Sequencing

On the one hand, robots have positive ...

On the other hand, they have negative ...

However, they have more advantages than disadvantages.

One advantage is ... **Another** advantage is ...

Firstly, ... **Secondly**, ... **Finally**, ... **Lastly**, ...

4 Choose the correct linkers.

a Lastly / On the one hand, cell phones have several advantages. **b However / Firstly**, you can speak to people and send messages wherever you are. **c Secondly / On the other hand**, you can do other things, such as listening to music or checking social media. **d Finally, / One advantage is that** you can also take photos and play games.

- 5** Write a for and against essay about the advantages of choosing a career early on (150-170 words). Follow these steps.

Writing a For and Against Essay

Step 1 > PLAN

What are the advantages of choosing a career early in life? And what are the disadvantages? Make notes.

Step 2 > WRITE

Write your first draft. Include an introduction, arguments in favor of an early professional choice and arguments against. Remember to include your opinion in the conclusion.

Step 3 > CHECK

Check your work. Have you used linkers?

Step 4 > WRITE

Write your final copy and hand in your work.



VOCABULARY IN PICTURES

Careers



accept a position



average salary



earn a degree



full-time occupation



learn a trade



minimum
qualifications



net income



public sector



send a resume



service industry



strict dress code



successful
entrepreneur



unpaid internship



work overtime



VOCABULARY IN PICTURES

Adjective + Noun Collocations



academic career



distinguished career



professional career



promising career



VOCABULARY IN PICTURES



extensive work



physical work



rewarding work



unpaid work



decent job



dead-end job



ideal job



steady job



Present Perfect Progressive

- we use both the present perfect and the present perfect progressive to talk about situations or actions which started in the past and continue to the present
I've **lived** in Jamaica for three years.
I've **been living** in Jamaica for three years.
- we use the present perfect progressive to
 - a emphasize the duration of a situation or activity. We often use this tense to answer the question 'How long ...?'
He's **been studying** hard this semester.
 - b emphasize that a situation or activity is temporary
They've **been staying** with us while their house is being fixed.



- we do not usually use state verbs (*like, seem, be, etc.*) with the present perfect progressive
~~She's **been seeming** a bit down lately.~~
She's **seemed** a bit down lately.
- we form the present perfect progressive with *have / has + been + -ing* form



+	<p>I / You / We / You / They have / 've been considering going back to school recently.</p> <p>He / She / (It) has been considering going back to school recently.</p>
-	<p>I / You / We / You / They have not / haven't been considering going back to school recently.</p> <p>He / She / (It) has not / hasn't been considering going back to school recently.</p>
?	<p>Have you been considering going back to school?</p> <p>Yes, I have. No, I haven't.</p>



- we often use time expressions with the present perfect progressive to show a period of time up to the present, e.g. *this week / month, since, for, lately, recently, etc.*
Lester **has been working** hard since he got back from his vacation.
- in the affirmative form, we often contract the subject with *have / has* to 've or 's. In the negative form, we often contract *have / has* and *not* to *haven't / hasn't*. These contractions are more common in spoken English



Past Perfect Progressive

- we use the past perfect progressive to talk about situations which started in the past and continued up to an earlier moment in the past
She **had been looking** to change careers for many years before she finally took the leap.
- like the present perfect progressive, we use the past perfect progressive to



- a** emphasize the duration of a situation or activity. We often use this tense to answer the question 'How long ...?'
He'd **been studying** hard until he got sick and had to take a break.
- b** emphasize that a situation or activity was temporary
They'd **been staying** with us while their house was being fixed.



GRAMMAR GUIDE

- we do not usually use state verbs (*like, seem, be, etc.*) with the past perfect progressive
~~She **had been seeming** a bit down before she left the company.~~
She **had seemed** a bit down before she left the company.
- we form the past perfect progressive with *had* + *been* + *-ing* form



+	I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They had / 'd been considering going back to school but then the economy collapsed.
–	I / You / He / She / It / We / You / They had not / hadn't been considering going back to school but then the situation changed.
?	Had you been considering going back to school before that? Yes, I had . No, I hadn't .

- in the affirmative form, we often contract the subject with *had* to *'d*. In the negative form, we often contract *had* and *not* to *hadn't*. These contractions are more common in spoken English



PROGRESS CHECK

Careers

- 1 Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box.

accepting earning industry minimum
overtime public resume salary trade

Career Advice

If you're not interested in **a** _____ a degree, you might be better suited to learning a **b** _____. Before **c** _____ a position at a company, find out if you will be asked to work **d** _____. Many students work in the service **e** _____, e.g. at restaurants and cafés, but the average **f** _____ and benefits is usually better for jobs in the **g** _____ sector. Before you send your **h** _____, make sure that it is up-to-date and that you have all of the **i** _____ qualifications.



Adjective + Noun Collocations

2 Match collocations a-d with descriptions 1-4.

a ☐ distinguished career

b ☐ extensive work

c ☐ rewarding work

d ☐ steady job

1 reliable and continuing for a long period of time

2 successful and respected by many people

3 stimulating or pleasant for you

4 involving a very large amount of effort



Present Perfect Progressive

3 Write the questions for the answers using the present perfect progressive and the words in parentheses.

a (live / Madrid) _____

Three years.

b (wait / me) _____

Not long, just a few minutes.

c (send out / resumes / this week) _____

No, I haven't. I haven't had time.



Past Perfect Progressive

- 4 Choose the correct verb forms. Choose the progressive form when possible.
- a I **hadn't seen** / **hadn't been seeing** the job ad, but my uncle told me about it.
 - b Cynthia was thrilled when they offered her the position. She **had waited** / **had been waiting** by the phone all week to hear from them.
 - c I **had saved up** / **had been saving up** for years so that I could open my own restaurant.

Grammar Buildup 4

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5 Choose the correct answers. Choose the progressive forms when possible.



Ace Hi, Vera. **a** _____ back from any colleges yet?

Vera Not yet! I'm so nervous that I **b** _____ my nails all week. We should be finding out any day now!

Ace I know what you mean. I **c** _____ to hear something by now, but no luck.

Vera I wonder if we **d** _____ to any of the same places. Did you apply to Northwestern?

Ace No, I **e** _____ about it, but decided not to in the end. It's too far from home for me.

Vera That's too bad. I **f** _____ to stay close to home too originally, but now I **g** _____ to warm up to the idea of going across the country.

Ace It will be strange not seeing you every day. We **h** _____ to school together since we were eight years old.

Vera I know!

- | | | |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| a | 1 Have you heard | 2 Had you heard |
| b | 1 've been biting | 2 've bitten |
| c | 1 have been hoping | 2 had been hoping |
| d | 1 have applied | 2 had applied |
| e | 1 've been thinking | 2 'd been thinking |
| f | 1 had wanted | 2 had been wanting |
| g | 1 've started | 2 'd started |
| h | 1 've gone | 2 've been going |



GRAMMAR 2

Past Perfect Progressive

- 1** Match the sentence beginnings with the endings.
- a ☐ My parents had been helping me financially
- b ☐ My parents had helped me financially
- 1 once before when I was unemployed.
- 2 last year until I found that job at the bank.

- c** ☐ I'd seriously thought about
- d** ☐ I'd seriously been thinking about
- 3** moving abroad for better career opportunities, but then I met my girlfriend and changed my mind.
- 4** moving abroad a few times, but then in 2017 I actually did it.
- e** ☐ We'd been having
- f** ☐ We'd had
- 5** a great time in college until we realized we were close to failing.
- 6** a great investment opportunity, but didn't act soon enough.

- 2** Complete the sentences using the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need to use.

has didn't haven't lately
before many long have

a Pete: "Have you been keeping up to date with the company's stock prices?"

Laura: "No, I _____."

b Do you realize how _____ people lost their jobs this year?

c The cost of university _____ been steadily rising over the last 50 years.

d You deserve the award – you've been studying really hard _____.

e How _____ have you been a dental assistant?

3 Choose the appropriate time expressions which are commonly used with the past perfect progressive.

a _____ last year

1 for

2 since

3 after

b _____ three years

1 before

2 since

3 after

c _____ morning

1 since

2 before

3 all

d had _____ been doing it

1 already

2 since

3 yet

e _____ this morning

1 before

2 after

3 already

- 4 Mark was planning to become a professional soccer player. But then he had a serious leg injury, and now he can't play anymore. Write sentences with the past perfect or the past perfect progressive to describe his life before the accident. Use the progressive form when possible.



go to gym (✓)

Mark had been going to the gym.

a work in the service industry (✗)

b think of moving to Europe (✓)

c seem happy (✓)

d have much time to spend with family (✗)

e learn to speak Italian (✓)



GRAMMAR CHECK

- 1 Read the text and circle the correct answers. Choose the progressive form when possible.

You may not know it, but people **a** _____ tea for over 3000 years. So really, it should be no surprise that in this industry, there are people who **b** _____ their careers to tasting tea. In fact, every time you have a cup of tea, you can be sure that someone **c** _____ its quality in terms of the taste, texture, smell, and even color.

Speaking with Jenna, an experienced tea taster in France, she describes how for years she **d** _____ over a hundred spoons of different tea every day, and has no plans to slow down now. And before she started her first tea tasting, she had to show that she **e** _____ five years of training. Describing her experience, she says, "I **f** _____ tea all my life, but until I started my training, I **g** _____ the subtle differences between all the different varieties. Now, even with my eyes covered, I can tell you the country and region where a tea **h** _____ from, just by tasting it. Of course, I **i** _____ a long time before I started doing this professionally, but now it comes easily to me.



1	2	3
a have drunk	have been drinking	had drunk
b have dedicated	have been dedicating	had dedicated
c has first checked	had first checked	had first been checking
d has tasted	has been tasting	had been tasting
e has completed	had completed	had been completing
f 've drunk	'd drunk	'd been drinking
g 've not realized	'd not realized	'd not been realizing
h has come	has been coming	had come
i 've been practicing	'd practiced	'd been practicing

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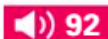
Listen and check your answers.



LISTENING



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Listen to two friends talking about summer work. Complete the sentences.

- a Victor and Corinne are considering working as _____ planters.
- b _____ is not sure that it is a good idea.
- c Not all tree planters earn a good _____.
- d Corinne is concerned about the _____ and the living _____.
- e Corinne will _____ the job after one week if she hates it.



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Listen again and answer the questions.

- a** What are the two main reasons that Victor wants this summer job?

- b** How does Corinne find out about possible negatives of the job?

- c** What does Victor guess is Corinne's main concern?



d Why don't all workers get paid the same?

e Where do the workers sleep?

f What is the deal that Corinne and Victor make?

