

Practice

1 Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- I live here/I've lived here* since the end of last year.
- I'm afraid the last train *left/has left* an hour ago.
- Someone *has just stolen/has just been stealing* my bicycle.
- Thank you for your offer, but *I decided/I've decided* not to accept.
- Yesterday *I lost/I've lost* my wallet.
- Take your umbrella with you. *It started/It's started* raining.
- We're enjoying our trip. *We visited/We've visited* two countries so far.
- I'm standing here/I've been standing here* for hours and I feel tired.
- This *was/has been* a busy day and it isn't over yet!
- I feel really tired. *We went/We've been* to a party last night.

2 Put each verb in brackets into either the present perfect, past simple or present simple.

- Last week I (lose) *lost* my scarf, and now I (just lose) *'ve just lost* my gloves.
- I (work) for Blue Bank at the moment but I (decide) to change jobs.
- We (be) here for hours. Are you sure we (come) to the right place?
- (you see) my calculator? I'm sure I (leave) it here earlier.
- We (have) some coffee and then (catch) the bus home.
- I (never eat) octopus, but once on holiday I (eat) some squid.
- I (hope) you aren't a vegetarian. I (cook) you some lamb chops.
- Recently a lot of young people (take up) kite surfing.
- When we (reach) the cinema, there (not be) any tickets left.
- Please come quickly! Nick (have) an accident, and he (go) to hospital.

3 Complete each mini-dialogue by putting the verbs given in brackets into either the present perfect or present perfect continuous.

- a) A: Terminator 2 is on at the Rex? (you see) *Have you seen* it?
 B: No, not yet. Shall we go? I (look forward) *'ve been looking forward* to seeing it for ages.
- b) A: What's the matter? You look really tired!
 B: I am! I (study) all day, and I (not finish) yet.
 A: Oh well, time for a break.
- c) A: I (phone) Carol all day, but there's no reply.
 B: I expect she (go) swimming with her friends.
- d) A: (you hear) the news?
 B: What news?
 A: Someone (rob) the bank at the end of the road.
- e) A: Why is your leg in plaster?
 B: That's a silly question! I (break) it, of course.
 A: Someone (write) 'Break Time' on the plaster!

4 For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words.

- a) I came to live here three months ago.
 I *'ve been living* here for three months.
- b) Sophie is out at the shops at the moment.
 Sophie to the shops.
- c) I've had French lessons since March.
 I French since March.
- d) I'm still reading this book.
 I reading this book yet.
- e) Paul left the room a moment ago.
 Paul has the room.
- f) It's ages since I last went to the cinema.
 I to the cinema for ages.
- g) This is the first time I've eaten snails.
 I snails before.
- h) I don't remember Helen's phone number.
 I've Helen's phone number.

5 Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

We've had a very interesting trip (a)^{so}..... far, and we've had some interesting adventures (b) the last time we wrote. We've (c) to some beautiful islands, and (d) a lot of interesting people. In fact (e) we've made friends with some people in a village, and they've been (f) us the local language. I haven't managed to learn much (g) , but Ann (h) picked up quite a lot, and can speak well. She's been (i) every day, and she's (j) me everything she knows!

6 Underline the errors in these sentences. Rewrite each sentence.

- a) My penfriend is writing to me for years.
My penfriend has been writing to me for years.
- b) We have started this course three weeks ago.

- c) 'What have you been doing all day?' 'I've been written letters.'

- d) When have you arrived in this city?

- e) You have ever been to India?

- f) Paula has been stayed in a hotel by the sea.

- g) I've been feeling ill three weeks ago.

- h) I live in this city since I was born.

- i) I wait here for ages. Where have you been?

- j) Tony has leaved his books on the bus.
