

Exercises

- 6.1 Complete each pair of sentences using the same verb. Use the present perfect in one sentence and the present perfect continuous in the other. Use negative forms where appropriate. **A-C**

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- 1 a Martina Gonzalez _____ in a rented flat since returning to Buenos Aires.
b We _____ at this hotel a couple of times before.
- 2 a All day, the police _____ motorists to question them about the accident.
b Good, the noise _____, I can start concentrating on my work again.
- 3 a I _____ any of Dickens' novels.
b I _____ this book on astrophysics for hours and I'm still only on page six.
- 4 a Dr Fletcher _____ the same lecture to students for the last ten years.
b Mr Sato _____ nearly a million pounds to the charity this year.
- 5 a I did 20 lengths of the pool today. I _____ that far since I was at school.
b I _____ and I feel exhausted.
- 6 a In recent years, companies _____ increasing resources into internet marketing.
b The South African coal company _____ the Calverton Mine up for sale.
- 7 a An important file _____ from my office.
b Plants and vegetables _____ from my garden since we had new neighbours.

- 6.2 Here are two views on the government's announcement that it is to cut the money it gives to the Influenza Research Centre. If necessary, correct the present perfect continuous verbs using either the present perfect or past simple. **A-C and Unit 3**

a Dr Petra Adams, the Director of the Centre



It's remarkable to think that since 1950 influenza (1) *has been claiming* more than 50,000 lives in this country, and in 1957 alone around 6,000 people (2) *have been dying*. But over the last 20 years we at the Centre (3) *have been making* considerable progress on understanding the illness. We (4) *have been producing* over a hundred books and articles reporting the results of our research and in 2012 they (5) *have been awarding* the Nobel Prize for medicine to one of my colleagues. In our more recent work we (6) *have been looking* into the effects of influenza on heart disease and we (7) *have also been exploring* a possible link between climate change and the recent increase in the number of cases of influenza. It is a tragedy that the government (8) *has been making* this decision now.

b Sabir Khan, the Opposition spokesperson for science



The previous government (1) *has been investing* huge amounts of money into the Centre and I think it's terrible that the present government (2) *has been announcing* this cut when the number of cases of influenza (3) *has been increasing*. The Centre (4) *has been running* successfully for many years. But this decision is just typical of this government. It (5) *has been neglecting* health research ever since it was elected, and (6) *has been cutting* back on spending on science generally. Although the government says that the cut is necessary because of the recent world economic problems, I (7) *have been finding* evidence that they (8) *have been planning* this for some time. I (9) *have been speaking* to the Minister about this yesterday and (10) *have also been writing* to the Prime Minister demanding that the decision should be reversed.