

## LearnEnglish Select Upper Intermediate

### 6.1 Talking things through

#### Useful language

##### Describing hopes and intentions

Our plan is to ...  
... should be a great opportunity for us to ...  
This could be our chance to ...  
I'm hoping that we'll be able to ...  
We intend to ...

##### Giving feedback and suggestions

It sounds like a great idea.  
Interesting. I like it.  
I think it works, but ...  
That's a good point.  
It's just a thought, but wouldn't it be better to ...  
Why not ... ?  
I notice that  
I can see some issues/difficulties with ...

#### Grammar

##### Present perfect simple and continuous

We use the **present perfect simple** to talk about a past action that may have an influence on the present. It can be an action that is still happening or one that has finished. To form the present perfect simple, use the present tense of *have* + the past participle of the main verb:

*I **have discussed** it with Simon.*

The present perfect simple is often used with words like *already, yet, up to now, just, so far, never*, etc.

*I've discussed it with Simon **already**.*

*I **haven't** discussed it with Simon **yet**.*

We use the **present perfect continuous** to talk about an action that began in the past and still continues now, or that recently finished. To form the present perfect continuous, use the present tense of *have* + *been* + the *-ing* form of the main verb:

*I've **been discussing** it with Simon.*

*I **haven't been discussing** it with Simon.*

The present perfect continuous is often used with *for, since* or time expressions such as *the whole day, all morning, all week*, etc.

*I've been discussing it with Simon **for several hours**.*

*I've been discussing it with Simon **the whole afternoon**.*

#### Check my progress

Are these statements true for you? If not, go back and do some activities from the unit again.

	Yes	No
I can describe detailed arrangements for an event.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can ask for and give feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can discuss suggested changes sensitively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>