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General Pre Intermediate

Homework - Unit 11: People with a
passion



Present Perfect Simple and Continuous

1. Match a line in A with a line in B.

A	B
1. I've been doing my homework.	a. for three hours. I'm exhausted.
2. I've done my homework.	b. so I can go out with my friends now.
3. My dad's been collecting football cards.	a. nearly two hundred already.
4. He's collected _____.	b. since he was six.
5. Ria has been learning English.	a. in three years! She's amazing.
6. She's learned three languages.	b. for just six months and she's fluent.

2. Complete the email from Lenny to her friend Katherine with a phrase from below.

Present Perfect Simple

has applied | has she started | hasn't succeeded | have attached | ~~haven't heard~~

Present Perfect Continuous

have been working | has been trying | has been collecting |
have you been doing | has been looking for

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Hi Katherine,

How are you? I 1. _____ you for ages. I'd love to get your news – what 2. _____?

How are the kids? What about Rita? 3. _____ school yet? Does she like it? And Leo? Is he still crazy about football? My Freddy is too, but he isn't as good as Leo – he 4. _____ to get into the school football team, but he 5. _____ yet. Tom 6. _____ a new job. You know how much he hates working for City Trading Ltd. He 7. _____ to over ten companies and has finally got two interviews next week. Fingers crossed!

How's your work? Are you still enjoying teaching as much as ever? I expect you 8. _____ too hard as usual! My work's still boring, but at least I got a pay rise last year.

Email me soon. It would be lovely to hear from you. Even better, come and visit us, we'd love to see you and the family. It's been too long!

Love,
Lenny XX

PS I 9. _____ a photo of football-mad Freddy with his card collection! He 10. _____ them for just a few months and he's already got 50!

Present Perfect Continuous

3. Match a line in A with a line in B.

A	B
1. Katherine's been checking her email.	a. Everything's so clean and tidy.
2. Leo's been playing football in the rain.	b. His back hurts.
3. Sue and Ken have been cooking for friends.	c. The house smells of onion and garlic.
4. Dad's been decorating the bedroom.	d. There are a lot to reply to.
5. Grandma's been doing the housework.	e. There's soap and water everywhere.
6. Grandpa's been digging in the garden.	f. His boots and shorts are muddy.
7. The baby's been throwing his food.	g. His hair is covered with paint.
8. The kids have been washing the dog.	h. It's all over the floor.

4. Fill in the sentences with the verbs below in the *Present Perfect Continuous*.

cry | try | save | sunbathe | study | wait

1. Why are you so late? I _____ for over two hours!
2. I _____ to speak to my girlfriend for days, but she's not answering her phone.
3. Johnny _____ law all day long nonstop and she's feeling tired.
4. Davide and Lucila _____ really hard to get a deposit to buy a house.
5. Look at Kyle's red face! I think he _____.
6. What's the matter with George? She _____ for the last five minutes.

Making question

5. Complete the question with the verbs in the *Present Perfect Continuous*.

1. The streets are wet. _____ it _____? (rain)
2. I didn't know Jennifer could speak Chinese. How long _____ he _____ it? (learn)
3. _____ you _____ (watch) that new detective series on MAX? It's brilliant!
4. How long _____ you _____ (learn) Spanish? You're very good!
5. How long _____ Kevin _____ (go out) with Vivian?
6. What _____ the children _____ (do)? They're filthy!

Present Perfect Simple or Continuous?

6. Choose the correct form of the verb.

1. 'What was that crash?'

'It was Bob. He _____ a window playing football!'

- a. 's broken
- b. 's been breaking

2. 'Hi Anna! How are you?'

'Hi! Fine thanks. Good to see you. What _____ for the last few months?'

- a. have you been doing
- b. have you done

3. 'Do you want anything for lunch?'

'No, thanks. I _____ a sandwich.'

- a. 've had
- b. 've been having

4. Britney and Dyon are a lovely couple.'

'Yes, they are. They _____ together since last year.'

- a. 've gone out
- b. 've been going out

5. 'y are you all sweat?'

'Because I _____.'

- a. 've run
- b. 've been running

6. Oh dear! That is a bad cold. How long _____ it?'

'For ages.'

- a. have you had
- b. have you been having

7. 'Ouch! I _____ my head!'

'Are you OK?'

- a. 've bumped
- b. 've been bumping

8. 'Have you thanked Aunt Matilda for the present?'

'Yes, I _____ her a card.'

- a. 've sent
- b. 've been sending

9. 'How long _____ the guitar? He's really good!'

'Not long, but he practices every day.'

- a. has Greg played
- b. has Greg been playing

10. 'Is this your phone?'

'Oh, yes! Thank you! I _____ it for ages.'

- a. 've looked
- b. 've been looking for

Present Perfect Simple or Continuous?

7. Put the verbs in brackets into the *Present Perfect Simple* or the *Present Perfect Continuous*.

1. I'm hot because I _____ (run).
2. Ouch! I _____ (cut) my finger!
3. _____ you _____ (hear) Ed Sheeran's latest song?
4. What _____ you _____ (do)? You _____ (break) the glass!
5. Sorry! I _____ (hear) what you said.
6. I _____ (play) Mario Kart World ever since I bought.
7. Drew _____ (paint) the bedroom, but he hasn't finished yet.
8. Look what Grandma _____ (give) me for my birthday! A droid!
9. I _____ (lose) my wallet! Where did I put it?
10. There's my wallet. I _____ (look) for it for ages.

8. Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

1. George hasn't been finishing his homework yet.
2. Have you been knowing Tomin for a long time?
3. How long you have been studying English?
4. It's raining for ages. When will it stop? I want to go for a walk.
5. I've always been wanting to see the Northern Lights.
6. I've been having a dog for five years now. I can't imagine life without her.

7. She been working very hard lately.
8. She's living in Japan for two years now.
9. Steve has been going to the shops. He'll be back soon.
10. The plane hasn't been arrived yet.
11. What have you to eat today?
12. What have your children done? They're filthy!

Tense review

9. Complete the conversation with the correct tense *Present* or *Past Simple, Present Perfect Simple* or *Continuous*.

Max: Hi Tom! I 1. _____ (see) you for ages! How are you?

Tom: Hi, Max. I'm fine, thanks – really good. And you?

M: I'm OK, thanks. What 2. _____ you _____ (do) since I last 3. _____ (see) you?

T: Not a lot. I 4. _____ (start) a new job last month. It's still in advertising, but with a new company.

M: How long 5. _____ you _____ (work) in advertising?

T: For five years. I really 6. _____ (enjoy) it ... Most of the time. Anyway, what about you? What's new?

M: Well, Diana and I are finally going to get married.

T: That's fantastic! Congratulations! How long 7. _____ you two _____ (go out) together?

M: It's eight years now. We 8. _____ (meet) at your wedding – don't you remember?

T: Of course I 9. _____ (remember). How could I forget? That's great news. I can't wait to tell Lenny. She'll be delighted.

An unusual collectible

10. Look at the photos and read the text.

- Who are the celebrities?
- Why are they important to Paul Fraser?

Paul Fraser - Celebrity hair collector!



Celebrity culture 1. _____ (arrive)! We
 2. _____ never
 3. _____ (be) more
 interested in the latest
 celebrity news and
 gossip. And some fans
 4. _____ just
 5. _____ (not want)

to read about their favourite celebrity, they want more – an autograph, a selfie or even a lock of their hair! So, believe it or not, there are professional hair collectors who 6. _____ (make) money by selling the locks of celebrities!

Paul Fraser is a UK professional collector of all kinds of things, including ... hair! He 7. _____ (collect) the hair of famous people for some years. He 8. _____ (be) a collector of stamps, coins, fine art, and antiques for a long time, but a few years ago, Paul 9. _____ (realize) that the best way to make money was to invest in things that are one of a kind, such as a lock of a celebrity's hair. In 2016, a US auction house in Texas 10. _____ (sell) a lock of John Lennon's hair for an amazing \$35,000.

Paul Fraser now 11. _____ (own) a lock of Paul McCartney's hair, and he also 12. _____ (have) Michael Jackson's, Marilyn Monroe's, Napoleon's, John Kennedy's, and even Charles Dickens's hair in his collection. When the celebrity is dead, the hair is worth more! However, in 2011 someone 13. _____ (buy) a lock of Justin Bieber's hair on eBay for \$40,668! Paul charges \$570 for just one strand of hair! He 14. _____ (sell) hair for the last few years on his website, Paul Fraser Collectibles, alongside his other collections.

So – what's the highest amount of money someone 15. _____ (ever pay) for a lock of celebrity hair? And whose head 16. _____ (belong) it to? It was Elvis Presley's and it 17. _____ (cost) \$115,000!

Historian, Leo Braudy, says, 'to own a genuine artefact from a widely recognized cultural figure – even if it's hair – is highly attractive.'

This certainly seems to be true!

genuine — real

artefact — an object of historical or cultural interest

11. Complete the questions using the verbs in brackets. Then answer them.

- What does Paul Fraser do (do)?
He's a professional collector.
- What kind of things _____ he _____ (collect)?
- How long _____ he _____ (collect) celebrity hair?
- Why _____ he _____ (start) collecting hair?
- How much _____ John Lennon's hair _____ (sell) for?
- _____ Paul _____ (own) Lennon's hair?
- How much _____ Paul Fraser _____ (charge) for a strand of hair?
- What's the greatest amount someone _____ ever _____ (pay) for a lock of hair? Whose hair _____ (be) it?

Stages of life

1. Put the words into the correct column in the table. Some may go into more than one column.

cemetery | congratulations! | dead | die of | due | expecting | funeral | get divorced | get engaged | give birth | gravestone | honeymoon | midwife | pass away | pregnant | wedding | widow | widower

		
Birth	Marriage	Death

2. Match the lines in A to the lines in B.

A	B
1. Lisa and Alan got engaged!	a. They're on honeymoon in Barbados now.
2. My grandfather passed away last week.	b. Her husband died over ten years ago.
3. The wedding was last weekend.	c. They're getting married in the spring.
4. Cora and Sebastian are so in love.	d. She's due on May 10.
5. Dora gave birth to a beautiful baby girl.	e. She was over four kilos!
6. Ella is expecting a baby.	f. The funeral is next Friday.
7. Eric and Petra got divorced three years ago.	g. He's still single, but she remarried last year.
8. Tina's been a widow for a long time.	h. He proposed on Valentine's Day.

Finding the right words

1. Fill in each dialogue using the lines below.

1. I'm so sorry. He was such a kind man. ____
2. Was it a boy or girl? How much did it weigh? ____
3. Oh dear! I hope he feels better soon. ____
4. Wow! They're going to be busy! Give them my congratulations. ____
5. What a shame! They seemed such a happy couple. ____
6. Congratulations! It's about time. You've been going out for three years! ____



1. Read the interview with the actress, Juliette Binoche(JB). Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

- Present Simple
- Present Continuous
- Past Simple
- Past Continuous
- Present Perfect Simple
- Present Perfect Continuous



The 60-second interview

Juliette Binoche was born in Paris. She is an actress and also a passionate painter. She is involved in politics and fundraising for charities. She has two children, a boy and girl.

I: How long 1. have you been (be) in the acting profession?

JB: I 2. _____ (act) since I was a teenager.

I: Where did you learn to act?

JB: I 3. _____ (train) at the National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in Paris.

I: How many films 4. _____ you _____ (make) so far?

JB: Over 40.

I: 5. _____ you ever _____ (win) any awards?

JB: Yes, I won an Oscar in 1997 for my role in a film called The English Patient. There have been other awards, too.

I: What 6. _____ your parents _____ (do) when they were younger?

JB: My father was a director, and my mother was an actress. They 7. _____ (get) divorced when I was four.

I: What is your earliest memory?

JB: I was two. I fell over and banged my head as I 8. _____ (run) from the kitchen to my bedroom.

I: What 9. _____ you _____ (do) in your free time?

JB: I adore gardening.

I: What are you doing now?

JB: I 10. _____ (shoot) a film set in Ireland. It's a political thriller.

I: What's the best book you 11. _____ ever _____ (read)?

JB: Talking with Angels by Gitta Mallasz.

I: 12. _____ you _____ (prefer) cats or dogs?

JB: I love them both.

I: When 13. _____ you last _____ (cry)?

JB: Today, while I 14. _____ (rehearse).

It's my job to bring emotions to life.

I: What is your greatest achievement?

JB: The film Three Colours Blue is one of the best films I 15. _____ ever _____ (make).

I: What is your motto on life?

JB: Don't look back. Live in the present.