## Present Perfect Simple or Continuous Exercise

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<td>2 to describe how somebody or something has been occupying his/her or its time</td>
<td>I've been writing a play</td>
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<td>3 for repeated actions and actions of a continuous nature</td>
<td>I've been going to a new café a lot</td>
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Decide on the use for each sentence and then fill the gaps with either the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous tenses using the verb in brackets.

### USE

1. I'm exhausted. I ........................................ in the garden all day. (work)
2. That old house now looks fantastic. The owners ........................ completely ................. it. (restore)
3. My garden's a jungle. I ........................................ any gardening for months. (do NEGATIVE)
4. I think Maggie and Max are dating. They ........................................ a lot of each other recently. (see)
5. We've discovered this great pub and we ........................................ there a lot. (go)
6. I ........................................ the report yet. (finish NEGATIVE)
7. You're covered in hay, Max. What .................................. you ................................... ? (do)
8. Maggie's gone to the doctor's. She ........................................ too well lately. (feel NEGATIVE)
9. Where have you been? I ........................................ for ages. (wait)
10. I have to write a 300 word essay. I ........................................ about half so far. (write)
11. I've phoned you about 10 times today. I ........................................ to get through to you all day. (try)
12. You look great. ....................... you .................................. to the hairdresser's? (be)
13. I ........................................ in a lot recently to try and save a bit of money. (stay)
15. Half of my chocolate is gone. Who ........................................ it? (attack)
Answers

1 2 I'm exhausted. I've been working in the garden all day.
2 1 That old house now looks fantastic. The owners have completely restored it.
3 1 My garden's a jungle. I haven't done any gardening for months.
4 2 I think Maggie and Max are dating. They've been seeing a lot of each other recently.
5 3 We've discovered this great pub and we've been going there a lot.
6 1 I haven't finished the report yet.
7 2 You're covered in hay, Max. What have you been doing?
8 3 Maggie's gone to the doctor's. She hasn't been feeling too well lately.
9 2 Where have you been? I've been waiting for ages.
10 1 I have to write a 300 word essay. I've written about half so far.
11 3 I've phoned you about 10 times today. I've been trying to get through to you all day. (try)
12 1 You look great. Have you been to the hairdresser's?
13 1 I've been staying in a lot recently to try and save a bit of money.
14 1 Where's my chocolate mousse? Who's eaten it?
15 3 Half of my chocolate is gone. Who the heck has been attacking it?