Grammar Challenge
Present Perfect Continuous
Practice activities
Present perfect continuous

**Exercise 1:**
Match the two halves of the conversations.

| 1. A: You're covered in mud! | a. B: I've been decorating the kitchen. |
| 2. A: Your eyes are red. You look sad. | b. B: I've been baking a cake. |
| 3. A: Your clothes are all wet! | c. B: I've been crying. |
| 4. A: What are you laughing about? | d. B: I've been shopping at the sales. |
| 5. A: Mmm! Something smells nice. | e. B: Joe's been telling me a funny story. |
| 7. A: You're covered in paint! | g. B: I've been playing football. |
Present perfect continuous

Exercise 2:
Read the sentence and choose the one option a - c which best fits the space.

1. She's been … in Seoul for five years.
   a. live
   b. living
   c. lives

2. I … working in the garden.
   a. have
   b. 'm be
   c. 've been

3. He … for ages.
   a. is been waiting
   b. 's been waiting
   c. has been wait

4. He … since 7 o'clock.
   a. has been studying
   b. is been studying
   c. studying

5. I ..., honest!
   a. been haven't smoking
   b. 've been not smoking
   c. haven't been smoking

6. You ... What did you ...?
   a. been shopping / buy
   b. 've been shopping / buy
   c. have had shopping / buying
### Present perfect continuous - Answers

**Exercise 1:**
Match the beginnings of the sentences to the correct endings.

1. A: You're covered in mud!  
   g. B: I've been playing football.
2. A: Your eyes are red. You look sad.  
   c. B: I've been crying.
3. A: Your clothes are all wet!  
   h. B: It's been raining.
4. A: What are you laughing about?  
   e. B: Joe's been telling me a funny story.
5. A: Mmm! Something smells nice.  
   b. B: I've been baking a cake.
   f. B: I've been shopping at the sales.
7. A: You're covered in paint!  
   a. B: I've been decorating the kitchen.
8. A: You smell of alcohol!  
   d. B: I've been drinking in the pub.
Present perfect continuous - Answers

Exercise 2:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a - c which best fits the space.

1. She's been ... in Seoul for five years.
   a. live - Sorry, this verb is in the wrong form. You need the 'ing' form.
   b. living - Well done, we use the 'ing' form of the main verb in the present perfect continuous.
   c. lives - Sorry, this verb is in the wrong form. You need the 'ing' form.

2. I ... working in the garden.
   a. have - Sorry, there is a word missing here. You need part of the verb 'to be'.
   b. 've be - Sorry, the first word is correct but the second one should be a different form of the verb 'to be'.
   c. 've been - Well done, we use have (or 've) plus 'been' in the present perfect continuous.

3. He ... for ages.
   a. is been waiting - Sorry, the first word is incorrect.
   b. 's been waiting - Well done, this is the correct form of the present perfect continuous.
   c. has been wait - Sorry, the first two words are correct but the final one should be an 'ing' form.

4. He ... since 7 o'clock.
   a. has been studying - Well done, this means he's been doing a lot of revision.
   b. is been studying - Sorry, the first word is incorrect. You need a form of the verb 'to have'.
   c. studying - Sorry, you need two extra words here.
5. I ..., honest!
   a. been haven't smoking - Sorry, the words are in the wrong order.
   b. 've been not smoking - Sorry, this is not how we make the negative form of the present perfect continuous.
   c. haven't been smoking - Well done, this is the correct negative form of the present perfect continuous.

6. You ... What did you ...?
   a. been shopping / buy - Sorry, the second answer is correct but in the first one there is a word missing
   b. 've been shopping / buy - Well done, the first answer is the present perfect continuous and the second one is the past simple.
   c. have had shopping / buying - Sorry, in the first answer there is a wrong word and in the second one the form is not correct.