The class
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Language quiz
Now let’s practise what you learned in the lesson! You need to change the verbs in the brackets, so they fit in the gaps. For each one, decide if the present perfect continuous or the present perfect simple fits better. Don’t forget to use contractions!

Example
I ______ (have) my car for three years.

Answer
I’ve had my car for three years.

1. Kim ______ (learn) to play the guitar since 2015, but he is still terrible at it!

2. I ______ (have) four cups of coffee so far today!

3. Francesca’s clothes are dirty because she ______ (garden).

4. Look, I ______ (make) a cake! Try some and tell me what you think!

5. Recently, I ______ (travel) to work by bus because my car is being fixed.

6. I ______ (study) the present perfect continuous for hours, but I still don’t understand it.

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Speaking and writing practice

Now it’s time to practise your speaking.
Think about activities which are happening in your life at the moment. Use the present perfect continuous to write four sentences:

1) Two activities you do and how long you have been doing them for.

For example: *I've been learning English for 6 years. I've been playing tennis since I was a child.*

2) Two things you have been doing lately that you don’t normally do.

For example: *I've been staying at home more lately. I've been studying English online recently.*

(Remember that we use the present perfect continuous with action verbs not state verbs.)

Find a friend and share your answers together. Remember to ask follow-up questions. ☺

Answers to exercise on page 1

1. Kim has been learning to play the guitar since 2015, but he is still terrible at it!
2. I’ve had four cups of coffee so far today!
3. Francesca’s clothes are dirty because she’s been gardening.
4. Look, I’ve made a cake! Try some and tell me what you think!
5. Recently, I’ve been travelling to work by bus because my car is being fixed.
6. I’ve been studying the present perfect continuous for hours, but I still don’t understand it.