

1 Making a difference Extra practice

1.2 Grammar

Present perfect simple and present perfect continuous

1 * Choose the correct option. Do the sentences describe an unfinished action or the present result of a finished action? Write *U* (unfinished) or *F* (finished).

- 1 **For / Since** the last lesson, I've written two essays.
- 2 I've been learning English **for / since** years now.
- 3 The charity has been helping children **for / since** 1994.
- 4 We've been watching the news **for / since** six o'clock.
- 5 They're tired. They haven't had a break **for / since** hours.
- 6 You've met some inspirational people **for / since** last year.

2 ** Complete the text with *for*, *since* and the correct present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

Olly (1) (work) as a paper boy (2) three years now. He does it every day before school. His alarm goes off at 6 a.m., but he doesn't mind. He (3) (get) used to waking up early! It's 6.45 a.m. right now and he (4) (deliver) twenty newspapers (5) he started work this morning. It doesn't take him long!

Olly (6) (not spend) any of his money (7) he started his job – in fact, he (8) (save) over £1000. He's going to use the money to visit his two brothers in Australia. They (9) (travel) around the country (10) the last six months and Olly wants to see them.

3 *** Complete the dialogue with the correct present perfect simple or continuous form of the verbs.

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- Emma** I (1) for an inspirational blog for ages and now I (2) one. Look!
- Max** Who is it by?
- Emma** It's by a young English woman called Rachel who (3) in a small village in Tanzania for ten months. She (4) as a teacher and it's about her life there.
- Max** That sounds great!
- Emma** Apparently, they didn't use to have a school in the village, but Rachel's family in the UK (5) enough money to open a small school.
- Max** I'm impressed!
- Emma** I know. She says the children are eager to learn, but they haven't got many books.
- Max** I bet we've all got lots of children's books that we (6) for ages and we don't want any more. Why don't we sell them to raise money for Rachel's school in Africa?
- Emma** Good idea!
- Max** This really is brilliant. I (7) enthusiastic about anything for a long time, but I do now!