Build Up Your Grammar

1 *Complete the profi le by changing the form of the erb in brackets using the ast imple or the resent erfect.*

Christopher ones is an nglish language teacher. He … e always good at languages at school, so he … *decide* to take his degree in rench and German. When he … *fi nish* his university studies, he … *egin* teaching in a secondary school in ngland. Two years later, however, he … *meet* someone by chance who … *offer* him a ob teaching nglish to foreign students during the long summer holidays. His students … e adults and he … *en oy* the work greatly. He soon … *fi nd* he … e more interested in teaching his own language to foreigners than foreign languages to nglish schoolboys. ince then he … *s ecialise* in this work. He … *fi nd* that one of the advantages of the ob was that it enabled him to fi nd work almost everywhere in the world. irst he … *go* to frica for 2 years and then he … *s end* a year in rabia. fter this he … *go* to Greece where he … *or* for the last 3 years. He … *not,* *e* to outh merica yet but he wants to go there next. He … *teach* men and women of all ages and of various nationalities. He also … *learn* to get on with all kinds of people and to ad ust to different ways of life. o far he … *not, regret* his decision to follow this career.

3 *ead and make up sentences saying how long the people ha e been doing different things.*

2 *Complete the sentences (A-C) to make the rules.*

 We use the … to mention about the events in the past.
ample *visited my aunt last ee end*
 We use the … to talk about the results and completed actions or events that are connected with the present.
ample *'ve lived in this to n for years*
y rother has een to ondon
ane has already done her home or oo
C We use the … to talk about an action that began in the past and is still in progress or an action that has recently stopped and which explains the present situation.
ample *'ve een or ing for this com any since*
avid has een laying tennis so he's really tired
Present Perfect, Past imple, Present Perfect Continuous
ample Paula started laughing ten minutes ago and she is still laughing. *he laugh*
he has een laughing for ten minutes

dverbs commonly used with the Present Perfect Continuous

- **since or ho ong**

e have een atching the

game □□□□□ □ □□m□

✦ **a□□ □a□ □ night □ morning □**

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□e have □een □or□ing very
hard □□□□□□□□□

1 The Carltons bought their car two years ago and they still have it.
□□hey □ drive□
2 □itty's brother □umped in the pool at 12. It's now 1 p.m. and he's still in the pool. *□□e □ s□im□*
3 □heila came to work at 9. It's now 5 p.m. and she's still at work.
□□he □ □or□□
4 We got our mixer in 2001. We still use it. *□□e □ use□*
5 □en started telling □okes at 6 in the afternoon. It's now 8 and he hasn't stopped. *□□e □ tell□*
6 Mark and Will started playing a computer game at 4 p.m. It's now 6 and they are still playing. *□□hey □ □lay□*
7 I started drawing a picture in the morning and I am still doing it now, at 7 p.m. *□□ □ dra□□*

1 How long **(ha□e □ou ha□ □ ha□e □ou been ha□ing□** your car?
2 □on **(□or□e□ □ has been □or□ing□** as a postman for the past month.
3 Mary **(has been □n□ing □ has □oun□□** a good □ob.
4 I **(ha□e □ritten □ ha□e been □riting□** an essay all day.
5 How long **(ha□e □ou been □i□ing □ □o □ou □i□e□** in □yiv?

4 *Choose the correct word or phrase in brackets.*

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LINKS

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✦ We use the □**resent □er□ect □onti□nuous** for incomplete actions which were in progress over a period of time in the past. With recently completed actions we use the □**resent □er□ect**.
*□e **ha□e been li□ing** in □yiv for □□ years□* (We're still there now.)
*□hey'□**e li□ed** in □uhans□, □onets□*

and □ni□ro□ (They aren't there now.)

✦ We often use the □**resent □er□ect □ontinuous** with □how long'. If we ask □how often' or □how much/many' we use the □**resent □er□ect**.
□*o□ long* ***has*** *she* ***been sleeping***□
□*o□ often* ***ha□e*** *you* ***worn*** *that suit*□
□*o□ many □nglish lessons*