

GRAMMAR DRILL

PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE (AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE)

NAME: _____

1 Underline the correct option.

- 1 I've been writing / *written* this essay all morning.
- 2 She has *lost* / been losing weight recently.
- 3 He has *swum* / been swimming twenty lengths every day.
- 4 I've *look* / been looking for my keys for an hour.
- 5 The children haven't been eating / *ate* well lately so they feel sick.
- 6 I've been saving / *save* up to buy a cell phone.
- 7 They haven't *practice* / been practicing soccer recently.

2 Complete the sentences with the present perfect progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 She has been working (work) in that company since she graduated from school.
- 2 They haven't been answering (not answer) our emails. We should phone them.
- 3 Thelma has been seeing (see) Peter for the last weeks. She's fond of him.
- 4 The team hasn't been training (not train) lately. They haven't got a coach yet.
- 5 Carlo has been studying (study) hard since last Monday. He has exams next week.
- 6 We have been redecorating (redecorate) the house this month. It's looking great!
- 7 You haven't been paying (not pay) attention to what I said, have you?

3 Complete the sentences with the present perfect progressive of the verbs from the box.

try	jog	paint	work	listen
sleep	watch			

- 1 I have been painting this room all day long.
- 2 She's tired because she hasn't been sleeping well at night.
- 3 He has been watching TV since 4 p.m. this afternoon.
- 4 We have been trying to solve this exercise for two hours!
- 5 I have been listening to your complaints all morning!
- 6 They have been jogging every morning in the park these last months.
- 7 You have been working until late all this week, haven't you?

4 Change the sentences to the affirmative or negative form.

- 1 I haven't been sleeping well lately.
I have been sleeping well lately.
- 2 I've been waiting here for hours.
I haven't been waiting here for hours.
- 3 The phone has been ringing all morning.
The phone hasn't been ringing all morning.
- 4 She hasn't been studying English for two years.
She has been studying English for two years.
- 5 I've been living here recently.
I haven't been living here recently.
- 6 He has been emailing me lately.
He hasn't been emailing me lately.

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5 Find and circle the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 She have been studying Italian this year.
- 2 The children have been behaved well lately.
- 3 They hasn't been working much these last two days.
- 4 That cat has sitting on that branch for the last hour.
- 5 It has being raining all day long!
- 6 They have been talked about the same topic all morning.
- 7 You hasn't been reading my email, have you?

6 Write sentences in present perfect progressive with the phrases provided.

- 1 travel / last three months
Students' own answers.
- 2 cook / lately
Students' own answers.
- 3 do / these last days
Students' own answers.
- 4 organize / for next Friday
Students' own answers.
- 5 attend / recently
Students' own answers.
- 6 work / since last Monday
Students' own answers.
- 7 play / all morning
Students' own answers.

7 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. Use the present perfect progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 John started practicing piano a month ago. (practice)
John has been practicing piano for the last month.
- 2 Sally bought those shoes last month and wears them every day. (wears)
Sally has been wearing her new shoes every day for the last month.
- 3 I started calling Carol three hours ago. (call)
I have been calling Carol for the last three hours.
- 4 Paul stayed at a hotel by the sea last Friday. He hasn't come back yet. (stay)
Paul has been staying at a hotel by the sea since last Friday.
- 5 I started work at 7:00 a.m. and haven't finished yet. (work)
I have been working since 7:00 a.m.
- 6 Laura moved to this neighborhood five years ago. (live)
Laura has been living in this neighborhood for the last five years.

8 Write three sentences about what you have been doing lately and three about what you haven't been doing.

- 1 Students' own answers.
- 2 Students' own answers.
- 3 Students' own answers.
- 4 Students' own answers.
- 5 Students' own answers.
- 6 Students' own answers.