

2A GRAMMAR present perfect simple and continuous

- a Complete the conversation with the verbs in parentheses in the present perfect simple or continuous.



Doctor Mrs. Jones! Would you like to come through now, please?

Patient Oh, thank goodness! I ¹ 've been waiting (wait) for ages.

Doctor Yes, sorry about that. We ² _____ (be) extremely busy all morning. Now then, ³ _____ (I / not see) you this week already, Mrs. Jones?

Patient Yes, doctor. Actually, this is the third time I ⁴ _____ (come) to see you this week. I was last here on Wednesday. ⁵ _____ (you / forget)? I had a terrible sore throat. Anyway, I took your advice and I ⁶ _____ (drink) plenty of water and I ⁷ _____ (not talk) too much.

Doctor Right, and ⁸ _____ (your throat / hurt) less since then?

Patient Oh, yes. It feels much better now.

Doctor Ah, that's great news. So, ...

Patient Well, yes, it is, but now I've got a more serious problem with my foot. It ⁹ _____ (be) swollen since yesterday and I ¹⁰ _____ (not be able) to walk on it properly.

Doctor OK. If you could just lie down here on the...

Patient I think maybe I ¹¹ _____ (have) an allergic reaction to something. I ¹² _____ (take) antihistamine tablets every four hours, but they ¹³ _____ (not make) any difference.

Doctor Right, Mrs. Jones. If you would please lie down here on the couch, I'll take a look...hmm. Well, there really is absolutely nothing to worry about. It's just a blister.

Patient Really? Hmm. Well, I ¹⁴ _____ (just / buy) these new shoes, so maybe they caused the problem.

Doctor Yes, I'd say that's very likely. Now, I'll put a bandage on it and I'm sure it'll be fine in a few days.

Patient Alright then. Thank you, doctor.

- b Complete the questions with the verbs in parentheses in the present perfect simple or continuous.

- 1 How long have you had your phone? (have)
- 2 _____ you ever _____ in an accident? (be injured)
- 3 How long _____ you _____ to this school? (come)
- 4 How many classes _____ you _____ this year? (miss)
- 5 How long _____ you _____ in your current home? (live)
- 6 _____ you ever _____ abroad? (study)

ACTIVATION

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in b. Ask your partner for more information.