

## Tense review

### 7 Choosing the correct tense

Choose the correct form of the verb.

1. I'm hot because I've run / I've been running!
2. I've cut / I've been cutting my finger!
3. Have you heard / Have you been hearing Shakira's latest album?
4. She's tired because she's shopped / she's been shopping all day.
5. Sorry, I've broken / I've been breaking your chair.
6. How long have you had / have you been having this book?
7. They live / They've been living here for three years.
8. I've painted / I've been painting the living room, but I haven't finished yet.
9. I've lost / I've been losing my wallet. Where did I last have it?
10. Look what Pat has given / has been giving me for my birthday! A bike!
11. There's my wallet! I've looked / I've been looking for it for hours.

### 8 A conversation between old friends

**CD 53** Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct tense: Present Simple, Past Simple, or Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- Jane** Hello, Peter! I (1) haven't seen (not see) you in a long time! How are you?
- Peter** Hi, Jane. I'm fine, thanks. And you?
- Jane** I'm OK. What (2) have (do) been doing since I last (3) saw (see) you?
- Peter** Well, I (4) started (start) a new job last month. It's still in advertising, but with a new company.
- Jane** How long (5) have (work) been working in advertising?
- Peter** For five years. I really (6) enjoy (enjoy) it. Anyway, what about you?
- Jane** Well, I'm still writing books. I (7) have written (write) a couple of novels, and for the past year I (8) have been researching (research) a book on local history.
- Peter** That sounds very interesting.

### 9 Forming the correct tense

Put the verbs in parentheses in the correct tense: Present Simple, Past Simple, or Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

1. I (1) have been studying (study) Spanish for the past three years. My teacher is very good, and I (2) like (like) her very much. I (3) have been (be) to Mexico three times. I (4) went (go) there last year with my family, and we (5) stayed (stay) in Monterrey. I (6) enjoyed (enjoy) it a lot.
2. My daughter (1) has been trying (try) to find a job for months. She (2) finished (finish) college in June, and since then she (3) has had (have) one or two part-time jobs. She (4) has been working (work) in a cafe for the last two weeks. She (5) wants (want) to work in publishing. She (6) has applied (apply) for hundreds of positions, and she (7) has had (have) a few interviews, but no job offers yet.
3. We (1) have been living (live) in our new house for several months. Since we (2) moved (move) in, we (3) have been (be) very busy. Everyone (4) has been helping (help) to get the house ready. So far we (5) have decorated (decorate) the living room and the kitchen. Soon after we arrived, the central heating (6) broke (break) down, so we (7) have had (have) to spend a lot of money to repair it. We (8) like (like) gardening very much, but we (9) haven't had (not have) time to do anything to the yard yet. And it (10) has been raining (rain) very heavily recently, so we'll just wait till the weather gets better.