What’s been happening lately?

1 Complete the gaps in the following mini dialogues with either the Present Perfect or the Present Perfect Continuous and the cue in brackets.

   1 A: How long ____________ (live) here?
      B: I ____________ (live) here since the houses were built in 2001.
   2 A: You look worn out!
      B: Yes, ____________ (jog). I’m practising for a ten kilometre race.
   3 A: Have you ____________ (find) your glasses?
      B: No, I ____________ (look) for them all afternoon!
   4 A: Have you ever ____________ (try) salsa dancing.
      B: Not till recently. I ____________ (take) classes for two months now.
   5 A: How long _______ you ____________ (learn) to ski?
      B: I ____________ (learn) for three years.
   6 A: Has he ____________ (speak) to Claire yet?
      B: No, he ____________ (try) to find her all day!
   7 A: I ____________ (try) to set up my own business for a year.
      B: Have you ____________ (have) any luck?

2 Read the following scenarios and write a sentence for each using the Present Perfect Continuous to explain why the situation has arisen/person feels like that. Use your imagination.

   1 Rosa is exhausted. She has a very stressful job.
   2 Mike is feeling great, and has a very healthy lifestyle.
   3 The house is looking really clean after the children spent a whole day at home.
   4 The cupboard is full of freshly baked cakes and bread.
   5 The painting is finished.
   6 There is some fresh fish in the fridge.
   7 The garden looks great!
   8 She is now really skilled at chess.
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**TEACHER’S NOTES:**

**Aim:** to provide further practice of the Present Perfect or the Present Perfect Continuous. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 5.1.

**Time:** 40 minutes

**Materials:** copies of the worksheet for all students

1. Students read the mini dialogues and then fill in the gaps. Monitor and point out any mistakes to the students without actually correcting them. Elicit answers from the class.

   **Answers:** have you been living/ ‘ve been living  2 I've been jogging  3 found/‘ve been looking  4 tried/‘ve been taking  5 have you been learning/‘ve been learning  6 spoken/‘s been trying  7 ‘ve been trying/had

2. Students read through the scenarios which depict a situation. They write a sentence using the Present Perfect Continuous to explain how the situation has arisen/ person feels like that. Monitor to check students are working along the right lines. There is no one right answer for each scenario - there are naturally lots of possibilities. Give students time to compare their answers before eliciting sentences from the class.

   **Suggested answers:** 1 Rosa has been working very hard.  2 Mike has been eating really well and exercising regularly.  3 The children have been busy cleaning the house.  4 He's been baking today.  5 She's been working on the finishing touches all day.  6 Dad’s been fishing.  7 Mum's been busy gardening all day.  8 She's been having lessons for a month or two.