

**6** Put each verb in brackets into either the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

- a) Someone (eat) *has eaten* all the cakes. I'll have to buy some more.
- b) What (you buy) ..... your sister for her birthday?
- c) My throat is really sore. I (sing) ..... all evening.
- d) Brenda (learn) ..... Russian, but she finds it difficult.
- e) How many people (you invite) ..... to your party?
- f) Those two cats (sit) ..... on that branch for the last hour.
- g) It (rain) ..... all day! Why can't it stop?
- h) Diana (wear) ..... twelve different dresses in the past week!
- i) I (do) ..... everything you asked. What should I do now?
- j) Graham and Pauline (try) ..... to find a house for ages, but they can't find one they can afford.

**7** Put each verb in brackets into either the past simple, the present perfect simple, or the present perfect continuous.

It was announced in London this morning that the British Oil Corporation (1) *has discovered* (discover) oil under the sea near the Welsh coast. The company, which (2) ..... (drill) for oil in the area since 2001, (3) ..... (find) small amounts of oil near Swansea last month, and since then (4) ..... (discover) larger amounts under the seabed nearby. Last year the government (5) ..... (lend) over £50,000,000 to BOC, and (6) ..... (give) permission for the company to build an oil refinery and other facilities in South Wales.

The reaction of local people to today's news (7) ..... (be) mixed so far. Local MPs (8) ..... (already welcome) the news, pointing out that the oil industry will bring badly needed jobs to the area. But local residents are worried about the danger of pollution. 'Nobody (9) ..... (ask) us yet what we want,' said Ann Griffiths, leader of the Keep Out The Oil Campaign. 'Look what (10) ..... (happen) when they (11) ..... (find) oil in Scotland in the 1960s. The oil companies (12) ..... (get) rich, not the local people. BOC (13) ..... (not tell) us the truth about what this is going to mean for our people.' A BOC spokesman later (14) ..... (refuse) to comment. Meanwhile local campaigners (15) ..... (ask) the government to hold an inquiry.

**8** Look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. Tick each correct line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space.

*A letter from the builders*

Dear Mrs Sangster,

Just a quick note to explain what we have been done so far this month. The work on the kitchen has gone well so far, although we haven't already finished knocking down the outside wall yet. So I wrote to you last week and have explained that two of my workmen were ill. They have quite recovered now, I am glad to say, and they have come back to work yesterday. As the weather has been bad we have been work inside most of the time, and all the painting is now been finished. We have also put in a new window in the kitchen, as you have instructed in your last letter. As you have not been visiting here for two weeks we have not had the chance to discuss the walls. When we checked them we have discovered that they are in a dangerous condition. I'll let you know what we have do to them.

Best wishes,

Andrew Turner, Builder

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