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PRESENT PERFECT 'FIVES'

Aim

To practise using the present perfect simple and continuous

Language

Present perfect simple and continuous

Skills

Reading, speaking

Lesson link

Use after Classbook Lesson 02 or at the end of Lesson 04 as revision

Materials

One copy of the worksheet on an OHT or an enlarged photocopy on the board

Pre-activity (10 minutes)

- Put the following example sentences on the board. Ask the students to explain the difference between the present perfect simple and continuous:
John is tired because he has worked hard today.
John is tired because he has been working hard for the past few months.
- Elicit that the first example suggests that John's present tiredness is a result of a day's work and that his work is finished (at least, for the day), whereas in the second example, John is tired because his work has been hard for quite some time and there is no indication of an end to it.
- Now write on the board *John is tired because ...* Ask the students for other ways to end it, using either present perfect simple or continuous, e.g. *John is tired because he hasn't had any sleep for a week; John is tired because he's been looking after his grandchildren.*

Procedure (30 minutes)

- Divide the students into groups of three or four, with a good mix of strong and weaker students.
- Put the grid on the OHP or board. Explain that the aim is to win five connecting boxes (e.g. boxes 1, 2, 7, 8, and 4) by completing the sentences in each box with a phrase using the present perfect simple or continuous. Only grammatically correct sentences will be accepted. They must also make sense!
- Emphasize the importance of *team* work! Make sure that the students do not put their hands up to claim a box until *everyone* in the team knows the proposed answer. Anyone in the team can be asked to provide the solution and if they cannot, the team will miss their turn.
- The teams choose any boxes they want, blocking other teams where possible. Whichever team has their hands up first to complete a sentence plays next, i.e. one team can answer several in a row. (It is not a game of polite turn-taking!) The game should move along quickly.
- The winners are either the first group to get a 'five' or the group with the most 'fives' (or connecting boxes) by the end of a set time.

Extension activity

- Teams can write their own cues as a challenge to other teams.

Note: This game can also be adapted for use with other tenses, with students preparing cues for each other.

Suggested answers

1 ... he's been running for the bus; ... he's been sitting in the sun
2 I've seen that film twice; ... I've had curry ... 3 We've been friends ...; She's had long hair ... 4 ... I've booked our holiday with them; ... I've told John to book tomorrow. 5 ... I've changed her diet; ... she's been losing weight. 6 ... you've done a lot of studying; ... you've prepared properly. 7 He's been mad about basketball ...; He's been a vegetarian ...
8 ... has she been seeing?; ... have you brought for dinner?
9 ... she's been eating garlic; ... we've just had a fight.
10 I've bought lots of books about them ...; We've done lots of exercises in class ... 11 ... I've already seen that film; ... I've had a better offer! 12 ... have you put my walkman?; ... has Lily got to? 13 I've been dying ...; He's been asking her ...

14 We've been thinking ...; He's been dreaming ... 15 ... have been popular in Britain for ages; ... have always been served in newspaper. 16 She's been to town ...; They've taken their son to a music shop ... 17 ... he hasn't been returning her calls; ... everybody has gone home. 18 My friend's invited me out ...; I've broken my leg ... 19 They've been going out together ...; We've been living here ... 20 ... have you come so early?; ... hasn't he been coming to school? 21 ... have been making life easier; ... have become more and more necessary to our lives. 22 ... has he been eating?; ... has she found? 23 I've been telling him the truth ...; I've never met him before ... 24 ... has made him ill; ... has never been my style. 25 She's bought a new car ...; He's sold me his caravan ...

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1 He's hot and sweaty because ...	2 ... but I didn't enjoy it.	3 ... for as long as I can remember.	4 The travel agent's offering cheap flights, so ...	5 My dog's not eating her food, so ...
6 Exams can be worrying unless ...	7 ... since he was ten years old.	8 Who ...?	9 I just can't talk to her when ...	10 ... but I still can't learn multi-word verbs.
11 I was going to the cinema, but ...	12 Where ...?	13 ... to marry him for ages!	14 ... about visiting the pyramids.	15 Fish and chips ...
16 ... and bought three CDs.	17 She can't understand why ...	18 ... so I won't be able to come to the party.	19 ... since the beginning of this year.	20 Why ...?
21 All over the world, computers ...	22 What on earth ...?	23 ... but I can't make him believe me.	24 Working hard ...	25 ... for £9,000.