13 Earning a living

Present Perfect Continuous • Word formation • Adverbs • Telephoning

STARTER

1 Ask and answer these questions.
2 Ask your teacher the same questions about *teaching* English.

How long have you been learning English?

When did you start?

STREET LIFE
Present Perfect Continuous

1 Read Andy's story.

2 Match the questions a–f on p103 with the answers in the text.

T 13.1 Listen and check. Finish Andy's answer in question 4.

3 With a partner, cover the questions and practise the conversation. Then cover the answers, and practise again.

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 Which are the questions in the Present Perfect Continuous? What are the other tenses?

2 Look at these two questions.
How long have you been selling *The Big Issue*?
How many copies have you sold today?
Which question asks about the activity of selling?
Which question asks about the number of magazines sold?

3 Complete these sentences with the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.
I _____ (smoke) since I was 16.
I _____ (smoke) five cigarettes today.

Grammar Reference 13.1 p142

STREET LIFE

ANDY'S STORY

Andy, 28, from Scotland, used to have his own taxi business. When he lost it, he also lost his home and his family. He now sleeps on the streets in London. *The Big Issue* is a magazine sold by homeless people in Britain. This gives them a small income, so they can begin to find somewhere to live.

1 ☐ _____ _____?
For a year. It was very cold at first, but you get used to it.

2 ☐ _____ _____?
I came here to look for work, and I never left.

3 ☐ _____ _____?
For six months. I'm in Covent Garden seven days a week selling the magazine.

4 ☐ _____ _____, _____?
Lots. But I can't stand people who think I drink or take drugs. My problem is I'm homeless. I want a job, but I need somewhere to live before I can get a job. So I need money to get somewhere to live, but ...

5 ☐ _____ _____?
Usually about fifty.

6 ☐ _____ _____?
So far, ten. But it's still early.

a How many copies do you sell a day?

b How long have you been selling *The Big Issue*?

c Have you made many friends?

d How many copies have you sold today?

e How long have you been sleeping on the streets?

f Why did you come to London?

4 Make more questions about Andy.

- How long/trying to find a job?
- How many jobs/had?
- How long/standing here today?
- How/lose your business?
- How long/had your dog?
- Who/best friend?
- Where/meet him/her?
- How long/known each other?

T 13.2 Listen and check.

5 Ask and answer the questions with a partner. Invent Andy's answers.

T 13.3 Listen and compare your answers.

PRACTICE

Discussing grammar

1 Choose the correct tense.

1 How long *have you been living / do you live* in Paris?
2 Anna *has been finding / has found* a good job.
3 Pete and I *have gone out / have been going out* for over six months.
4 I *bought / have bought* a new flat a few months ago.
5 How long *have you had / have you been having* your car?
6 Tom *worked / has been working* as a postman for the past month.
7 I*'ve written / 've been writing* an essay all day.
8 I*'ve written / been writing* six pages.

Talking about you

2 Put the verbs in the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous or the Past Simple.

1 How long _____ you _____ (come) to this school?
2 How long _____ you _____ (use) this book?
3 Which book _____ you _____ (have) before this one?
4 How long _____ you _____ (know) your teacher?

What have they been doing?

3 Make a sentence about the people using an idea from the box. Add *because* and say what they've been doing.

He's hot because he's been running.

hot	back hurts	paint on her clothes	
dirty hands	no money	tired	eyes hurt
wet	red face		

4 Complete these sentences in the Present Perfect Simple about some of the people in exercise 3.

1 He _____ (run) five miles.
2 They _____ (spend) all their money.
3 She _____ (read) five books today.
4 They _____ (play) six games.
5 He _____ (make) a cake and a pie.

Getting information

5 Work with a partner. Your teacher will give you different information about the life and career of Steven Spielberg, the movie director. Ask and answer questions to complete the information.

Student A
Steven Spielberg was born in . . . *(Where?)* He is one of the most successful filmmakers of the late 20th century, and in his career he has earned millions of dollars.

Student B
Steven Spielberg was born in Ohio. He is one of the most successful filmmakers of the late 20th century, and in his career he has earned . . . *(How much?)*

Where was Steven Spielberg born?

He was born in Ohio.

Millions of dollars.

How much has he earned?

VOCABULARY

Word formation

1 These words appeared in the last few units. Complete the charts and mark the stress.

Noun	Verb
death	*die*
waste	_____
_____	be'lieve
_____	'advertise
'promise	_____
_____	feel
ad'vice	_____
_____	de'scribe
in'vention	_____
'government	_____

Noun	Adjective
death	_____
_____	'honest
va'riety	_____
_____	mad
'mystery	_____
_____	'beautiful
_____	'wealthy
suc'cess	_____
_____	'comfortable
peace	_____

2 Complete the sentences with a word from exercise 1.

1 _____ me that you'll always love me.
2 He was taken to hospital by ambulance, but he was _____ on arrival.
3 'Are they _____ ?' 'Yes, they're millionaires.'
'Where does their money come from?' 'They have a very _____ business.'
4 I love the _____ and quiet of the countryside.
5 I saw an _____ for a job as a waiter.
6 The sofa was so _____ that I fell asleep.
7 I gave the police a _____ of the man who attacked me.
8 I had a few problems, but Bob gave me some good _____ .
9 I was sitting at home when suddenly I had a funny _____ that I wasn't alone.

Adverbs

1 Complete the sentences with the adverbs.

mainly	possibly	really	nearly

1 'Are you going out?' '_____ . I don't know yet.'
2 The exam was _____ difficult. I couldn't do any of it.
3 'How old are you?' 'I'm _____ eight. It's my birthday next week.'
4 I travel a lot in my job, _____ to Europe.

2 Complete the sentences with the adverbs.

seriously	exactly	carefully	fluently

1 I used to speak French _____ , but I've forgotten it now.
2 Please drive _____ . The roads are so dangerous.
3 I have _____ £3.52 to last until the end of the week.
4 There was an accident, but fortunately no one was _____ injured.