

## Perfect tenses exercise

Complete the following sentences.

1. We ..... in this house for the past three years .

have stayed

have been staying

Either could be used here

2. The students ..... on an educational tour.

went

have gone

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3. Only those students who ..... 'A' grades will be considered for admission.

are securing

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have secured

have been securing

4. Sorry I am late. .... you  
..... long?

Are, waiting

Have, waited

Have, been waiting

5. If you ..... that book, you should  
return it to the library.

have read

are reading

have been reading

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6. Sorry about the mess – I ..... the walls.

am painting

have painted

have been painting

7. You ..... ten candies since lunchtime.

are eating

have been eating

have eaten

8. I ..... six letters since morning.

am writing

have written

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have been writing

9. I ..... a lot of films recently.

watched

am watching

have been watching

10. I ..... three films this week.

watched

have watched

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## Answers

1. We have stayed/have been staying in this house for the past three years.

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2. The students went/have gone on an educational tour.
3. Only those students who have secured 'A' grades will be considered for admission.
4. Sorry I am late. Have you been waiting long?
5. If you have read that book, you should return it to the library.
6. Sorry about the mess – I have been painting the walls.
7. You have eaten ten candies since lunchtime.
8. I have written six letters since morning.
9. I have been watching a lot of films recently.
10. I watched/have watched three films this week.