2A GRAMMAR present perfect simple and continuous

a Complete the dialogue with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or continuous. Sometimes both tenses are possible.

DOCTOR So, what seems to be the problem?

PATIENT Well, for about a week now I [1]*'ve been feeling* quite dizzy. I even thought I was going to faint once or twice. (**feel**)

DOCTOR I see. [2]_____ normally? (**you** / **eat**)

PATIENT Well, to tell you the truth I [3]_____ much of an appetite recently. I'm just not hungry. (**not have**)

DOCTOR You need to eat regularly, you know, even if you're not hungry.

PATIENT I know, but I [4]_____ to eat anything recently. (**not want**).

DOCTOR Hmm. Any other symptoms? [5]_____ headaches or any other aches or pains? (**you** / **have**)

PATIENT Well, I [6]_____ my blood pressure three times this week, and it's a little bit high. (**take**)

DOCTOR I'll check that in a minute. [7]_____ harder than usual? (**you** / **work**)

PATIENT Yes, I suppose I have. This is a very important time of the year for us and things [8]_____ incredibly busy recently. I [9]_____ home very late, and to be honest I [10]_____ very well for the last few days. (**be**, **get**, **not sleep**)

DOCTOR I think you [11]_____. I want you to take a week off work and have a complete rest. (**overwork**)

PATIENT I can't possibly have a week off at the moment. I [12]_____ to head of department. (**just** / **be promote**).

DOCTOR Well, I'm afraid they'll just have to manage without you. You can't take risks with your health.

b Write questions with either the present perfect simple or continuous.

1 How long *have* you *had* your phone? (**have**)
2 _____ you ever _____ in an accident? (**be injure**)
3 How long _____ you _____ to this school? (**come**)
4 How many classes _____ you _____ this year? (**miss**)
5 How long _____ you _____ in your current home? (**live**)
6 _____ you ever _____ abroad? (**study**)

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c Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions in **b**. Ask your partner for more information.

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a **2** Have you been eating **3** haven't had **4** haven't wanted **5** Have you been having / Have you had **6** 've taken **7** Have you been working **8** have been **9** 've been getting **10** haven't been sleeping **11** 've been overworking **12** 've just been promoted

b **2** Have you ever been injured… **3** have you been coming **4** have you missed **5** have you been living / have you lived **6** Have you ever studied…