Practice

1 **Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.**

a) I can't believe it, Inspector. You mean that Smith *stole/has stolen/has been stealing* money from the till all this time!
b) You three boys look very guilty! What *did you do/have you done/have you been doing* since I *left/have left* the room?
c) Why on earth *didn't you tell/haven't you told* me about that loose floorboard? I *tripped/have tripped* over it just now and hurt myself.
d) It's a long time since I *saw/have seen/have been seeing* your brother Paul. What *did he do/has he done/has he been doing* lately?
e) I can't believe that you *ate/have eaten/have been eating* three pizzas already! I *only brought/have only brought* them in fifteen minutes ago!
f) Don't forget that you *didn't see/haven't seen* Mrs Dawson. She *has waited/has been waiting* outside since 10.30.
g) What *did you think/have you thought* of Brighton? *Did you stay/Have you stayed* there long?
h) I feel really tired. I *weeded/have weeded/have been weeding* the garden for the last three hours and I *didn't rest/haven't rested* for a single moment.
i) I'm having problems with David. He *has called/has been calling* me up in the middle of the night and *told/telling* me his troubles.
j) How long *did you have/have you had/have you been having* driving lessons? And *did you take/have you taken/have you been taking* your test yet?

2 **Decide how many different endings (1–10) you can find for sentences (a–j). The sentences you make must be appropriate and meaningful.**

a) I haven't been feeling very well ... 5,8	1 time and time again.
b) I went to the dentist's	2 all my life.
c) I've lived here	3 so far.
d) Don't worry. I haven't been waiting	4 for the time being.
e) I've written two pages	5 for the past hour or two.
f) I waited outside your house	6 yet.
g) I've warned you about this	7 till half past eight.
h) I haven't made a decision	8 for a while.
i) The repair worked	9 the other day.
j) I've decided to believe you	10 long.