

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

Either could be used here

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

are securing

have secured

have been securing

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

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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

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

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8. I six letters since morning.

am writing
have written
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
Either could be used here

Answers

1. We have stayed/have been staying in this house for the past three years.
2. The students went/have gone on an educational tour.
3. Only those students who have secured 'A' grades will be considered for admission.

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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.