

275 - Present Perfect Continuous Review

A. Choose true or false. Elige verdadero o falso (sigue el ejemplo).

1. ¿Verdadero o falso? “*Part-time job*” significa *trabajo de medio tiempo*.

True

2. ¿Verdadero o falso? “*To pick up*” quiere decir *adaptarse a algo*.

3. ¿Verdadero o falso? El *presente perfecto continuo* se usa para hablar de una acción que comenzó en el pasado y continúa hasta el presente, o que terminó recientemente pero tiene una conexión con el presente.

B. Select the correct word or phrase to complete the dialogue. Selecciona la palabra o frase correcta para completar el diálogo (fíjate en el ejemplo). Te recomendamos escuchar el diálogo en el blog.

Máximo: Pedro, I still can't believe I'm here. Three days in Canada and it's already frosty / hot. *How have you been surviving* this cold?

Pedro: Ha! You **used to** / **get used to** it. I used to think the same thing when I arrived. But *I have been living* here for a year now, and honestly, I'm used to it.

Máximo: A whole year! *How long have you been working?*

Pedro: Almost the whole time. I started at a language school first — *I have been learning* English since I arrived, and it has made a huge difference at work.

Máximo: *What kind of work have you been doing?*

Pedro: Two jobs, actually. I started as a caregiver. *I have been working* with people with special needs. It was challenging, but very **rewarding** / **frustrating**. *I have been shoveling* / *picking up* so much — not just English, but patience, communication, everything.

Máximo: Wow. And *have you been doing that job* this whole year?

Pedro: Yes, part-time. A few months ago, I started working in a restaurant kitchen too. *I have been working* the night **shift / break** there since September. My **coworkers / supervisors** have been really welcoming. *I have been wearing / fitting in well.*

Máximo: That's great. Has it been hard to manage work and studying at the same time?

Pedro: Yes, honestly. *I have been working full-time / part-time* and studying part-time. There have been weeks with **deadlines / classes** and night shifts at the same time. *I haven't been sleeping much.*

Máximo: I can imagine. And your English — *how has it been going?* You sound really fluent.

Pedro: Thank you. *I have been doing / making* a lot of progress. My **friends / classmates** have been helping me a lot with the **copies / assignments**. And just being here, talking every day — that is the best way to learn.

Máximo: What about the winter? I wasn't ready for this cold.

Pedro: Nobody is, at first. *I have been wearing* my **winter jacket / scarf** and **shoes / boots** every day since November. And *I have been cleaning / shoveling* snow in front of my building every week. You need good boots, by the way. *Have you been wearing* those sneakers outside?

Máximo: Yes... is that bad?

Pedro: Very bad. The sidewalks are icy. We are going shopping tomorrow.

Máximo: Ha! Okay. *Why haven't you been warning* me about all this before I came?

Pedro: *I have been trying to!* You just weren't listening. But seriously — *how long have you been thinking* about moving here?

Máximo: For about two years.

Pedro: And now you are here. That is all that matters. It has not been easy, but it has been worth it. Every single day.