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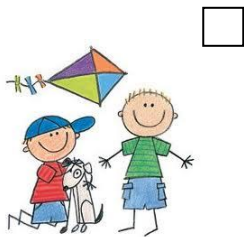
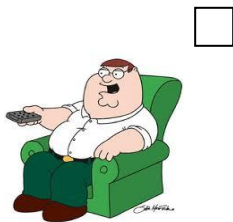
Note: Some verbs are not used with the present perfect continuous: to think (expressing opinion), to know, to like, to hate, to agree, to need, to love, to want, to hear, to have (expressing possession), etc.

1) Complete with the **present perfect continuous** of the verbs in the box:

Work – read – play – rethink – study – talk – wait

- a. Sarah _____ to her students for an hour.
- b. They _____ this problem.
- c. Jonas _____ English since last year.
- d. The children _____ in the yard since eight o'clock.
- e. Those men _____ for a long time in that factory.
- f. We _____ for Ted for an hour.
- g. I _____ short stories for one month.

2) Look at Joe's family. Each member of his family is somewhere in the house. Write sentences telling what they have been doing there for about two hours and match with the pictures.



- a. Mr. Stuart is in the family room. _____
- b. His mother, Mrs. Stuart, is in the kitchen. _____
- c. His grandfather is in the garden. _____
- d. Bob and Will, his brothers, are in the yard. _____
- e. Cathy, his sister, is in her bedroom. _____