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| on business for the last two years. | I've waited long enough. | I'm leaving. | I've tried |
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| a couple of times on holiday. | Who's been eating my sandwich? | Look, it's half eaten! | I've learned |
| how to use a computer in my current job. | She's just swum | 600 metres. | Oh dear what have you done? |
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|  | Continuous – a repeated action in the period up until now (with no mention of the number of repetitions). |
|  | Simple – a completed action in the past (with some idea of the number of repetitions). |
|  | Simple – a (usually recent) completed action with a present result or relevance. |
|  | Simple or continuous with *for* and *since* with verbs such as *live* and *work (*be employed) where the continuous tense suggests a temporary situation and the simple tense suggests one that is more permanent. |