

Present perfect simple and continuous

Find someone who:	Name(s)
1 ... has written / has been writing a lot of best-sellers.	
2 ... has made / has been making a film for the last six months.	
3 ... has met / has been meeting Barack Obama and the queen of England.	
4 ... has learnt / has been learning how to speak seven languages perfectly.	
5 ... has played / has been playing tennis professionally since he/she was 18.	
6 ... has been / has been going to the moon.	
7 ... has recently broken / has recently been breaking the 100-metre world record.	
8 ... has written / has been writing a book about journalism for three years.	
9 ... has won / has been winning an Oscar.	
10 ... has worked / has been working for the CIA for the last five years.	



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**Role card A**

You are a famous writer of spy stories from England. You've written 14 best-sellers so far. Your most famous book is called *The Cold War*. At the moment you're not writing anything because you're going to get married. You're going to Moscow for your honeymoon with your Russian wife.

Role card B

You are a famous film director from the USA. You've already made three films (your most famous film so far is called *Trust Nobody*) and you've been working on your fourth for the last six months. Your new film will be called *Eye Spy* and is set in Moscow after the Second World War.

Role card C

You are the ambassador for an Eastern European country (you decide which one). You've met lots of famous people in your job. You met the Pope when he visited your country and the queen of England last year. You had dinner with her at the American Embassy in London. You've also met Barack Obama, the American president.

Role card D

You are a translator and you work for the United Nations in New York. You can speak seven languages perfectly (you decide which ones). You have worked all over the world (you decide where). You were born in Cuba and were in East Germany in 1989 when the Berlin Wall came down.

Role card E

You are a professional tennis player. You grew up in Eastern Europe (you decide which country), but when you were 15, your family went to live in the USA. You have won a lot of tournaments all around the world and next week you're playing in a tournament in Germany.

Role card F

You are a famous American astronaut. You went to the moon on Apollo 16 in 1972 and then worked for NASA (the North American Space Agency). At the moment you are working on the joint American-Russian space programme, which is planning to send a space station to Mars. You've been working in Moscow for the last two years.

Role card G

You are a famous athlete from Russia. You recently broke the 100-metre world record at an athletics meeting in Geneva and are a hero in your country. You recently met the Russian president, who invited you to a dinner at the Kremlin in your honour. Next week you are running in Washington and hope to meet the American president.

Role card H

You are a TV reporter and have travelled all over the world working for an American news company. You started writing a book about your experiences three years ago, but haven't had time to finish it. You know many politicians very well (you decide who) and tomorrow you're going to Russia to make a report.

Role card I

You are a famous actor/actress from the USA (although your parents were born in Poland). You won an Oscar two years ago for your role in the last James Bond film, which was filmed in Siberia. Next week you are going to Cuba to start making your new film, *Don't Trust Me*, for an American company.

Role card J

You are the CIA agent! Do not tell anyone this! When people ask you about your life, you have to lie! It's a good idea to find out who the other person is first, then you can pretend to be someone else on the *Find someone who ...* worksheet. You will need to invent facts about yourself to support your story. Whatever happens, never admit you're a CIA agent!

Instructions

You will need: one copy of the worksheet and one Role card per student

- Give each student a copy of the *Find someone who ...* worksheet. Tell them that the space at the beginning of each line corresponds to a person's name. Students decide whether they should use the Present perfect simple or continuous in the sentence or whether both are possible (see Answer key). Check answers with the class.
- Tell students they are going to a party with lots of interesting people. Give each student a *Role card* in random order and allow them time to read and digest the information. They must not look at each others' cards. Give *Role card J* (the CIA agent role card) to one of the stronger students.
- Tell students they must talk to all the other guests at the party, then write their names in the correct place on the worksheet. They then mingle and have short conversations with each other. Encourage students to introduce themselves and ask each other about their jobs/lives, rather than just the questions required to complete the worksheet.
- Students check their answers in pairs. If the CIA agent is discovered, this is the end of the activity.
- If the CIA agent isn't discovered, students discuss in pairs what they know about the characters and decide who they think the CIA agent is. Finally, the real CIA agent can reveal himself/herself to the class.

ANSWER KEY

- 1 has written
- 2 has been making
- 3 has met
- 4 has learnt
- 5 has played/has been playing
- 6 has been
- 7 has recently broken
- 8 has been writing
- 9 has won
- 10 has worked/has been working