

STARTER



- 1 Ask and answer these questions.
- 2 Ask your teacher the same questions about teaching English.

How long have you been learning English?

When did you start?

STREET LIFE

Present Perfect Continuous

- 1 Read Andy's story.
- 2 Match the questions a–f on p103 with the answers in the text.

TIPS Listen and check. Finish Andy's answer in question 4.

- 3 With a partner, cover the questions and practise the conversation. Then cover the answers, and practise again.

STREET LIFE

ANDY'S STORY

Andy, 28, from Scotland, used to have his own taxi business. When he lost it, he also lost his home and his family. He now sleeps on the streets in London.

The Big Issue is a magazine sold by homeless people in Britain. This gives them a small income, so they can begin to find somewhere to live.



1

For a year it was very difficult at first, but you got used to it.

2

I came here to look for work and I never left.

3

For six months I was in Covent Garden every week selling the magazine.

4

Lets. My problem is my business. I want to start a business but I need some money to do that before I can get a job. So I need money to do that before I can get a job.

5

Identify about 100.

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Big Issue, see p103

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 Which are the questions in the Present Perfect Continuous? What are the other tenses?

- 2 Look at these two questions.

How long have you been selling *The Big Issue*?

How many copies have you sold today?

Which question asks about the activity of selling?

Which question asks about the number of magazines sold?

Complete these sentences with the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

I _____ (smoke) since I was 16.

I _____ (smoke) five cigarettes today.

Grammar Reference B.1 p141