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My ears have been hurting.

Dialogue

When we want to talk about situations which began in the past and are still going on, we use the Present Perfect Progressive tense. This tense is formed by combining the present tense of "to have" with "been" and the -ing form of verb. For example: "My ears have been hurting." "Have you been swimming recently?" "What have you been doing lately?" Bryan has been taking scuba lessons over the last few days. But now he has a problem.

Lily: What seems to be the problem, Brian?

Bryan: I have not been hearing well lately.

Lily: What have you been doing?


Bryan: I have been taking scuba diving lessons.

Lily: Have your ears been ringing?

Bryan: Yes, they have been ringing, and they have been hurting me at night.

Lily: Hmm, maybe you have some water in your ears.

Let's take a look.

 Vocabulary

hurt
痛む
scuba diving
スキューバダイビング
ringing
耳鳴りがする

 Exercise

A. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What is wrong with Bryan?
2. What sort of lessons has Bryan been taking?
3. Have you been to another country before?
4. Have you been studying English for long?

B. TRUE OR FALSE

1. Bryan's ears have been hurting him at night.
2. Bryan has been scuba diving.
3. Has Bryan been having a hearing difficulty?



C. FILL IN THE BLANKS.

1. We (wait) _____ here for over half an hour and nobody has taken our order yet.
2. Recently, I _____(feel) really tired.
3. She_____ (watch) too much television lately.
4. _____ you _____ (exercise) lately?
5. Mary _____ (feel) a little depressed.
6. Lisa_____not_____ (practice) her English.
7. What _____ you _____ (do)?
8. You are late. Where have you _____ ?
9. I have _____ (go) to Italy for 6 years now.
10. My mother _____ (cook) since morning.