

Word on the Street

Music Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Type in the correct words to complete the indirect questions.

1. How old are you? = Can I ask you _____?
2. Where's the station, please? = Could you tell me _____, please?
3. Who's that old man? = Do you have any idea _____?
4. Can Sarah swim? = Do you know if _____?
5. Does John speak German? = Do you think _____?
6. What time does the film start? = Does anyone know _____?
7. How did you learn such good English? = Would you mind telling me _____?

Activity 2

Can you remember the indirect questions from Activity 1? Put the words in the correct order.

1. how / are / you / old / ? / Can I ask you

2. where / is / the / station / , please? / Could you tell me

3. Do you have / who / any idea / old / that / man / is / ?

4. if / Do you know / Sarah / swim / can / ?

5. German / John / ? / Do you think / speaks

6. the / ? / what / Does anyone know / time / film / starts

7. you / Would you mind telling me / learned / how / ? / good / such / English

Activity 3

Choose the correct form, present perfect simple or continuous, to complete each sentence.

1. You should take a break. You ... all day.
a) 've studied
b) 've been studying
2. I'm not surprised George is sick.

He ... too hard recently.

- a) 's worked
- b) 's been working

3. I ... twenty job applications today. I think that's enough.

- a) 've sent
- b) 've been sending

4. No, I haven't had time to make lunch! I ... the flat all morning.

- a) 've cleaned
- b) 've been cleaning

5. Our living room looks really nice. We ... it.

- a) 've just repainted
- b) 've just been repainting

6. No more coffee for me, please. I ... enough.

- a) 've had
- b) 've been having

7. OK, I ... those onions. What do you want me to do next?

- a) 've chopped
- b) 've been chopping

8. Don't worry, I'm not really crying. I ... some onions!

- a) 've just chopped

b) 've just been chopping

Activity 4

Can you remember the present perfect sentences from Activity 3? Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in (brackets). Use contractions ('ve or 's).

1. I _____ (send) twenty job applications today. I think that's enough.
2. I'm not surprised George is sick. He _____ (work) too hard recently.
3. You should take a break. You _____ (study) all day.
4. No more coffee for me, please. I _____ (have) enough.
5. No, I haven't had time to make lunch! I _____ (clean) the flat all morning.
6. OK, I _____ (chop) those onions. What do you want me to do next?
7. Our living room looks really nice. We _____ (just, repaint) it.
8. Don't worry, I'm not really crying. I _____ (just, cut) some onions!

Answers

Activity 1

1. How old are you? = Can I ask you how old you are?
2. Where's the station, please? = Could you tell me where the station is, please?
3. Who's that old man? = Do you have any idea who that old man is?
4. Can Sarah swim? = Do you know if Sarah can swim?
5. Does John speak German? = Do you think John speaks German?
6. What time does the film start? = Does anyone know what time the film starts?
7. How did you learn such good English? = Would you mind telling me how you learned such good English?

Activity 2

1. Can I ask you how old you are?
2. Could you tell me where the station is, please?
3. Do you have any idea who that old man is?
4. Do you know if Sarah can swim?
5. Do you think John speaks German?
6. Does anyone know what time the film starts?
7. Would you mind telling me how you learned such good English?

Activity 3

1. b) 've been studying
2. b) 's been working
3. a) 've sent
4. b) 've been cleaning
5. a) 've just repainted
6. a) 've had
7. a) 've chopped
8. b) 've just been chopping

Activity 4

1. I've sent (send) twenty job applications today. I think that's enough.
2. I'm not surprised George is sick. He's been working (work) too hard recently.
3. You should take a break. You've been studying (study) all day.
4. No more coffee for me, please. I've had (have) enough.
5. No, I haven't had time to make lunch! I've been cleaning (clean) the flat all morning.
6. OK, I've chopped (chop) those onions. What do you want me to do next?
7. Our living room looks really nice. We've just repainted (just, repaint) it.
8. Don't worry, I'm not really crying. I've just been cutting (just, cut) some onions!