

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the following sentences with the Present perfect simple or Present perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 They _____ (not install) a house alarm yet even if there _____ (be) a lot of burglaries lately.
- 2 I _____ (just call) the police because someone broke into my house while I was out.
- 3 He _____ (look for) a house for months but he can't find one with all the energy saving features he wants.
- 4 They _____ (build) new homes according to passive house standards in our city since 2006.
- 5 Since the Kyoto Protocol came into force, several countries _____ (manage) to drastically reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- 6 The washing machine _____ (spin) for the last 10 minutes. When is it going to stop?

2 Complete the following sentences with the Past perfect simple or Past perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 She _____ (wait) for the report on the new vaccine cooler for months when finally it arrived.
- 2 The refrigeration unit _____ (not keep) the vaccine cool during transportation, so they had to throw it all away.
- 3 They _____ (discuss) the use of renewable energy sources for over an hour when they were interrupted by a phone call.
- 4 He _____ (already decide) not to buy the house even before they told him the price, because he realised the energy costs would be too high.
- 5 The alarm system _____ (not work) when the burglar entered because he _____ (come) through the attic window which wasn't connected to the system.
- 6 They _____ (just take out) new insurance against theft and property damage when their house was burgled.

3 Choose the correct tense.

- 1 They *are trying/have been trying* to solve a problem with the air conditioning for the last few days.
- 2 How long *were they building/had they been building* houses before people began to appreciate their energy-saving strategies?
- 3 She's *known/been knowing* about the risk of theft since she moved into this area.
- 4 They *had never realised/didn't ever realise* how much could be saved with a passive home until they saw how low their heating bills were.
- 5 Public awareness of sustainable energy *is increasing/has increased* a lot recently.
- 6 They *aren't doing/haven't done* anything about the unreliable electrical supply in the area yet.

4 Translate the following sentences into English.

- 1 Le organizzazioni non hanno ancora ricevuto l'attrezzatura necessaria per garantire la catena del freddo che mantiene freschi i vaccini durante il trasporto.

- 2 Nell'ultimo decennio sempre più imprese edili hanno deciso di seguire i rigorosi standard edilizi delle case passive, nel tentativo di ridurre il consumo energetico.

- 3 Quando arrivò la polizia, il ladro era già andato via senza rubare niente, perché era stato spaventato dalla sirena del dispositivo di allarme.

- 4 Avevamo deciso di usare i mezzi pubblici come parte di una campagna di mobilità sostenibile.

- 5 Prima di ascoltare quel programma radiofonico non avevano capito l'importanza del riciclaggio, ma ora sono pienamente consapevoli dei suoi vantaggi.

- 6 Quando sono tornati da una vacanza all'estero, si sono resi conto di non aver chiuso bene tutte le finestre; un ladro era entrato e aveva rubato alcuni oggetti preziosi.
