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Unit 3. How have you been?

In modern day American culture, saying "how have you been?" means various things. It could mean "have you been healthy?"; "has your professional life, personal life, love life etc. been going well?". It is usually used when one person meets another person whom they have not talked to for a period of time. It's a way to start a conversation about what the other person has been doing since they talked to the person asking the question the last time.

Let's learn together

Choose the correct response.

- 1. How have you been?
 - a. I have been busy for past days.
 - b. I am happy.
 - c. I don't know.
- 2. How are you doing?
 - a. I don't care.
 - b. I have been happy.
 - c. Let's go!
- 3. How is it going?
 - a. I am good.
 - b. See you soon.
 - c. I had been sick yesterday, but I'm fine now.



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Conversation

Bill: Do you want a cup of coffee?

Robert: Yeah, sure. So, what have you been up to?

Bill: Well, I've been really busy trying to finish this project on time.

Robert: Are you having a hard time?

Bill: Yes, but I haven't had enough time to really concentrate on it.

Robert: I know what you mean.

Bill: Not only that, but I've been feeling a little under the weather lately.

Robert: Did you catch a cold?

Bill: I don't know, I think I'm coming down with something.

Robert: Maybe you should see a doctor.

Bill: I think I'll go tomorrow.

Robert: Good idea.

Let's Practice

A: So, what have you been up to?

B: Well, I've been studying hard for exams.

A: So, what have you been up to?

B: I've been busy working every day.

A: So, what have you been up to?

B: Nothing. I've been really bored lately.

A: So, what have you been up to?

B: I got a new job. I've been trying get along with everybody at work.

A: So, what have you been up to?

B: I started guitar lessons.

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