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Skate	Play (a musical instrument)
	
Sit in the classroom	Learn English
	
Collect something	Drink alcohol
	
Play (your favourite game)	Not swing
	
Use a computer	Do (a sport)

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Go to this school	Ski
	
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**Instructions for the teacher:**

There are two similar worksheets. If you decide to print out both of them, give each pair both sheets. One student will have the first page and the other the second one. They will read the explanation and do the task 1. Then they can ask their partner how long they have been doing these activities.

Tell them to replace the general terms like musical instruments with a concrete one which is appropriate for them.

**Key:**

*Have been, has been, have been doing, have been, have never felt*

*Have been going, have visited, has been flirting, haven't had*