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| **Present Perfect Continuous: Overview** |
|  | We form the **present perfect continuous** with  **HAVE/HAS + (NOT) + BEEN + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ING** |
| **FORM:** |  I haveYou haveHe hasShe hasIt hasWe haveYou haveThey have | been studying | I haven’tYou haven’tHe hasn’tShe hasn’tIt hasn’tWe haven’tYou haven’tThey haven’t | been studying | Have IHave youHas heHas sheHas itHave weHave you Have they | been studying? |
|  | The form is also called the **present perfect progressive**. Remember, some verbs are not usually used in the continuous form:want hate realize remember need see seembelong believe forget prefer suppose like know hear mean love think (opinion) understand have (possession)  |
| **USE:** | Sentences with the **present perfect continuous** always connect the present and the past. Use the **present perfect continuous** in the following situations:* To talk about something which started in the past and has been in progress up to the present. Use it to express how long the activity has been taking place.

**Example**: *I got to the bus stop at 7:30am. It is now 8:30am. I have*  *been waiting for the bus for one hour.** When an action has been in progress up to the recent past, especially when the action has results in the present. It is used without specific mention of time.

**Example:** *It has been raining*. (It isn’t raining now, but the ground is  clearly wet.)* To talk about repeated actions or temporary situations in a period up to the present (or the recent past). With for and since + the verbs live, work and teach, both the **present perfect** and **present perfect continuous** tense can be used with no change of meaning.

**Examples:** *He has been living with his grandparents since the summer.* *He has lived with his grandparents since the summer.** To give explanations of events that have just been completed, or are still in progress.

**Example**: A: You look really tired!  B: I have been cleaning my apartment all morning. |

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| *Complete the following sentences using the PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS.* |

#### A: “Haven’t you finished writing that essay yet?”

B: “No, I’m still working on it.”

A: “You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (write) it for almost two weeks.”

1. A: “Did you lose your glasses?”

B: “Yes. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (look) for them everywhere.”

1. A: What are you doing?”

B: “I’m waiting to make a call. This man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on

 the phone for the last ten minutes.”

1. A: “I must go and see the doctor.”

B: “Why? Are you sick?”

A: “Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not-feel) well lately.”

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| *Read the actions below and match them to the appropriate situation. Make complete sentences using the PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS.* |

**ACTIONS SITUATIONS**

Making apple pie Her hair is wet.

Drinking His clothes are covered with flour

Chopping onions They have sore backs.

Fixing a car Give me your keys. You can’t drive.

Swimming in the pool Her eyes are all red.

Digging in the garden His hands are covered with grease.

Example: *His clothes are covered with flour because he has been making apple pie.*

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