

| Present Perfect Continuous: Overview | | | | | | |
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| We form the present perfect continuous with HAVE/HAS + (NOT) + BEEN + _____ ING | | | | | | |
| FORM: | I have You have He has She has It has We have You have They have | been studying | I haven't You haven't He hasn't She hasn't It hasn't We haven't You haven't They haven't | been studying | Have I Have you Has he Has she Has it Have we Have you Have they | been studying? |
| The form is also called the present perfect progressive . Remember, some verbs are <u>not</u> usually used in the continuous form: want hate realize remember need see seem belong believe forget prefer suppose like know hear mean love think (opinion) understand have (possession) | | | | | | |
| USE: | <p>Sentences with the present perfect continuous always connect the present and the past. Use the present perfect continuous in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>I got to the bus stop at 7:30am. It is now 8:30am. I <u>have been waiting</u> for the bus for one hour.</i> • 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: <i>It <u>has been raining</u>.</i> (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: <i>He <u>has been living</u> with his grandparents since the summer.</i> <i>He <u>has lived</u> with his grandparents since the summer.</i> • To give explanations of events that have just been completed, or are still in progress. | | | | | |

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| | 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.

1. 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."
2. A: "Did you lose your glasses?"
B: "Yes. I _____ (look) for them everywhere."
3. A: What are you doing?"
B: "I'm waiting to make a call. This man _____ (talk) on the phone for the last ten minutes."
4. A: "I must go and see the doctor."
B: "Why? Are you sick?"
A: "Yes, I _____ (not-feel) well lately."

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

ACTIONS

- Making apple pie
- Drinking
- Chopping onions
- Fixing a car
- Swimming in the pool
- Digging in the garden

SITUATIONS

- Her hair is wet.
- His clothes are covered with flour
- They have sore backs.
- Give me your keys. You can't drive.
- Her eyes are all red.
- His hands are covered with grease.

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____