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| **Present Perfect Continuous: Versus Past Continuous** | | |
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| **FORM:** | **I have been working. I was working.**  **She has been driving. She was driving.** |  |
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| **USE:** | The **present perfect continuous** is used when an action is not finished. The **past continuous** is used for actions that were in progress in the past, but are completed now. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *The students have been writing the test since 10 o’clock. (still writing the test)*  *The students were writing the test at 10 o’clock. (the test is finished now)*  *He was writing the test when I arrived. (the test is finished now)* | |

*Choose either the PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS or PAST CONTINUOUS form of the verb in each sentence.*

1. Edward has been working / was working on the report all morning. He has to finish it

by tomorrow.

2. The fans have been waiting / were waiting for the concert to start. The band hasn’t come

out on the stage yet.

3. I have been living / was living with my sister before I bought my own house.

4. The farmer has been growing / was growing soybeans. He makes a lot of money

from soybeans.

5. Have you been / Were you attending the meetings on Tuesday nights? I missed the last

two meetings.