

Present Perfect Continuous: Versus Past Continuous

FORM:

I <u>have been working</u>.	I <u>was working</u>.
She <u>has been driving</u>.	She <u>was driving</u>.

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.