

014_intermediate_grammar
Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous
Keys



Exercise 1

Open up the brackets using either Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous

1. Sheila **has been reading** the book the whole afternoon.



2. They **have been talking** for hours.



3. Jenny, how many apples you **have you picked**?



4. He is very tired now. He **has been running**.



5. Molly **has been studying** hard. She'll take an exam next week.



6. Dinner is ready. Hannah **has been cooking** for 2 hours.



7. What you **have you been doing**? You are covered with paint.



8. They **have covered** 100 miles.



9. How long **has Peter been waiting** for the bus?



10. They **have arrived** from Chicago.



Exercise 2

Choose the right answer

1. How long Julie?

have you known

have you been knowing

Either could be used here

2. I all morning. I am tired.

have worked

have been working

Either could be used here

3. I ten letters since morning.

wrote

have written

have been writing

4. I have already the report.

received

been receiving

Either could be used here

5. Sorry about the mess. We the walls.

have painted

have been painting

Either could be used here

6. This is the fifth time you that question.

asked

have asked

have been asking

7. You a dozen cookies today.

have eaten

have been eating

Either could be used here

8. We in this city for ten years.

have lived

have been living

Either could be used here

9. John his leg so he can't walk.

has broken

has been breaking

Either could be used here

10. Help! I my purse.

have lost

have been losing

Either could be used here

11. 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I'

have run

have been running

Either could be used here

Exercise 3

Put the verbs into the brackets using either Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous

1. I'm planning to buy a new house. I **have been looking** for one for two months now. So far I **have looked** at ten houses, but I **haven't found** the one I like.



2. My Spanish lessons are going very well. I **have been learning** Spanish for five months now and I love it. I **have already learnt** a lot.



3. John **has been** very busy recently. He **has been painting** the living room and the bedrooms, but he **hasn't started** painting the kitchen yet.

