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Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous



PRESENT PERFECT TENSE vs PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Present Perfect

Finished actions.

The kids have played for two hours.

Permanent actions.

I have taught English for 12 years.

Emphasis on the result of the action.

He has repaired the car.

Indicate how much/many have been completed.

It has taken six years to write this book.

Present Perfect Continuous

Unfinished actions.

The kids have been playing since morning.

Temporary actions.

I have been teaching this class for one hour.

Emphasis on the duration of the action.

He has been repairing the car for two hours.

Indicate how long something has been happening.

I have been studying English for two months.

Exercise 1

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

1. Sheila (to read)___ the book the whole afternoon.



2. They (to talk)___ for hours.



3. Jenny, how many apples you (to pick)_____?



4. He is very tired now. He (to run)_____.



5. Molly(to study)___hard. She'll take an exam next week.



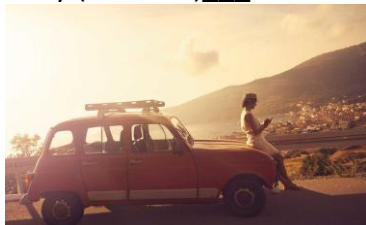
6. Dinner is ready. Hannah (to cook)___for 2 hours.



7. What you (to do)___? You are covered with paint.



8. They (to cover)___100 miles.



9. How long Peter (to wait)_____ for the bus?



10. They (to arrive)___ 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 (to look) for one for two months now. So far I (to look) at ten houses, but I (not/to find) the one I like.



2. My Spanish lessons are going very well. I (to learn) Spanish for five months now and I love it. I (already/to learn) a lot.



3. John (to be) very busy recently. He (to paint) the living room and the bedrooms, but he (not/to start) painting the kitchen yet.



Have you ever been abroad? Which countries have you visited?



Have you ever travelled by airplane? Where did you go?



Have you ever eaten Chinese food? What other international food have you tried?



Have you ever met anyone famous? Who did you meet?



Have you ever had a pet? What kind of pet did you have?



Have you ever been on a beach holiday? Where were you?



Have you ever been on a concert? Whose concert was it?



Have you ever won anything? What was it?



Have you ever been to another continent? Which continent was it? Which continent would you like to see?



Have you ever cried because of a film? Which film made you cry?



Have you ever been camping? Did you enjoy it?



Have you ever bought anything from the Internet? What was it?



Have you ever ridden a horse? Did you enjoy it?



Have you ever had a broken bone? What happened?



Have you ever been late for school? Why were you late?



Have you ever tried an extreme sport? What was it? Was it scary?

