



THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

STRUCTURE:

(+) S+ have / has + been + Ving

(-) S + haven't / hasn't + been + Ving

(?) Have/ Has + S + been + Ving+.....?

Yes, S + have /has.

No, S + haven't / hasn't.

(WH?) Wh + have /has + S + been + Ving ?

We use this tense ;

(1) to talk about activities which started in the past and haven't finished

e.g. I have been teaching English since 1995. / I'm still teaching

e.g. Begüm has been living in London since 2020 / She is still living in London.

Time expressions are since , for , all morning,etc

(2) to talk about the present result of a recent past activity. The action finished in the past and lasted for some time. The result of the action is visible in the present.

e.g. He is dirty. He has been playing with mud. (He is no longer playing with mud but the fact that his clothes are dirty is visible now)

e.g. Kivanç is exhausted. He's been studying non-stop.

e.g. It has been raining. The grass is wet. However, it stopped raining.

Note: With the verbs feel(have a particular emotion) , live , work and teach we can use the present perfect or present perfect continuous with no difference in meaning.

Note: You shouldn't use STATE VERBS with PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS (like, know, hate, belong, own, want, understand etc)

EXERCISES

Ask Question

Bora has been preparing dinner for his girl friend for hours.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.(preparing dinner)

f.(preparing dinner for his girl friend)

Make sentences using the words given, make necessary changes

1. years/ collect/ for/ stamps/ she
2. play/ morning/ football/ since/ they
3. write/ Kaan/ letters/ hour/for/ an
4. since/watch/ Ajda/home/TV/she/come

Write sentences using present perfect continuous

1. Ali makes model planes. He started four months ago.
2. Cem is playing the piano. He started playing an hour ago.
3. Gina collects posters. She started in 2009.
4. Nur goes to a dance club. She started when she was eighteen.
5. Tom is at school. He went there at 9 o'clock.
6. We arrived here two hours ago and we are still waiting.

Complete the sentences by using the Present Perfect or the Present Perfect Continuous

1. A: Where are you and your family going to live?
B: Well, we -----(talk) about that for weeks, but we -----(decide) yet.
2. A: Why are you crying? B: Because my friend -----(have) an accident. He -----(break) his leg.
3. Suzan -----(write) complaints to a magazine but she -----(finish) them yet.
4. The passengers at the bus stop -----(wait) for an hour for the bus but it -----(come) yet.
5. İlker -----(come) back yet, he -----(shop) at the supermarket since eleven o'clock.
6. We -----(run) 10 km already-let's stop.
7. She -----(work) for over three hours.
8. They -----(read) every book by Charles Dickens.
9. A: How long -----you -----(know) Ecem?
B: We -----(be) friends since we were children.
10. A: What are they doing? B: They -----(work) in the garden for hours.
11. A: Why is Sait upset? B: He -----(lose) his wallet.
12. I -----(believe) that exercise is good for you.
13. Fulay -----(teach) English since she left university.
14. A: You look very tired. B: Well, I -----(clean) the house since 8 o'clock.
15. A: This cake is delicious. B: I -----(taste) it yet.

