PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Examples:

They **have been living** here since 1996.(and they still do)

They **have been learning** English for five years. (and they are still learning it)

Using sentences with the Present Perfect Continuous we indicate more clearly that the action is still continuing into the present. It is not yet completed.

Some verbs are much more commonly found in the continuous form **(wait, lie, sit, stand, live, rest, learn, study**). This is because these verbs, by their nature, describe a continuous activity, almost a state.

EXERCISE

Write the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Continuous and complete with *since* **or** *for*, **where necessary.**

1-What _____ (you/do) _____ lunch?

2-I _____ (rest).

3-The Browns _____(live) here _____ the last ten years.

4-She _____(lie) in the sun _____the whole morning.

5-I _____ (try) to get in touch with you _____seven.

6-We_____(wait) at this bus stop _____ half an hour now.

7-Mr Brown _____ (learn) French _____ September.

8-I _____ (sit) and _____(watch) the ducks on the pond _____hours

9- I _____ (study) English _____ 3 years.

10-She _____ (stand) in the queue _____ two o'clock.

11-The Browns _____ (travel) around Portugal _____the beginning of July.

12-My cousin_____(stay) with us all this summer.

13-This book _____ (lie) around _____ ages; why haven't you read it?

14-We _____ (listen) to that man _____twenty minutes.

15. I _____(study) French _____ I was seven.

16. Mary _____(work) for the same company _____ 1992.

17. They _____(read) the same book _____ weeks.

18. Susan _____(try) to compose a symphony _____ two years.

19. They_____(build) this house__ _____last year.

20. These workers _____(live) on the dole _____ quite a long time.

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