

Unit 1. Me, myself and I

Present Perfect

We use the **present perfect tenses** to **connect the present with the past**.

The email has just arrived (it was sent in the past and it is here now).

She has been looking for him for months (she started looking for him in the past and is still looking for him).

I've been hanging out with Jade for some time now (I started hanging out with her in the past and I still am now).

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS
Have/has + past participle	Have/has + been + v + ing
<p>1. Something that happened at an unspecified time in the past. <i>Tom has read many books.</i></p> <p>2. Unfinished period of time. <i>We haven't seen her today.</i></p> <p>3. A recent event with connection to the present. <i>I have just fallen down.</i></p> <p>4. We use it to focus on the result of the action. <i>I have painted my living room.</i></p> <p>5. We use it to talk about how many times. <i>They've met three times.</i></p>	<p>1. Repeated actions in the past. <i>My sister has been posting pictures.</i></p> <p>2. To focus on the duration of the action. <i>I have been painting the living room all morning.</i></p> <p>3. When we see the results (see, hear, smell, hear) of the action. <i>I've been eating dinner, so there are plates all over the table.</i></p> <p>4. To emphasize that something is temporary. <i>She's been running a lot recently. (She doesn't usually do this).</i></p>

1. Complete the sentences with PPSimple or PPCcontinuous.

- a. Beatrice (read) for half an hour.
- b. Laura (write) 5 letters.
- c. I (work) on this project for less than an hour, so I still
..... (not / prepare) all the documents.
- d. Ralph is tired because he (not / sleep) for 26 hours.
- e. I (wait) for you the whole morning.
- f. How long (you / smoke) here? It smells really bad!
- g. Mary (already / finish) all her exercises.
- h. I (study) all day, but I am afraid I (learn/not) much.
- i. Andrew (eat) two bars of chocolate today.
- j. The boy's clothes are dirty because he (play) in the mud.
- k. I (arrive/just) at the station.
- l. We are exhausted because we (do) exercise all morning.
- m. Edward feels a bit unsteady because he (cycle/not) for five years.
- n. How long (you/work) for this company?
- o. The kids (finish/not) their homework yet.
- p. Niall (watch) the film seven times.
- q. I (not find) out the answer yet.
- r. I (play) soccer for two hours!

2. Complete the sentences with PPSimple or PPCContinuous.

Robin: I think the waiter (forget) us. We (wait) here for over half an hour and nobody (take) our order yet.

Michele: I think you're right. He (walk) by us at least twenty times. He probably thinks we (order, already)

Robin: Look at that couple over there, they (be, only) here for five or ten minutes and they already have their food.

Michele: He must realize we (order, not) yet! We (sit) here for over half an hour staring at him.

Robin: I don't know if he (notice, even) us. He (run) from table to table taking orders and serving food.

Michele: That's true, and he (look, not) in our direction once.