

1. Listen to Luiza and Steve talk about their lives; and check if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

- a) Luiza has two jobs for eight months. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- b) Luiza wants to travel to Morocco. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- c) Luiza is trying to be an actor since graduation. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE
- d) Steve is taking acting courses and going to auditions. ☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

2. Look at the example sentences and respond some questions.

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

POSITIVE SENTENCES

- a) She **has been working** two Jobs for the last six months.
- b) I've only **been spending** money.
- c) Steve **has been trying** to become an actor.
- d) He's **been taking** courses since he graduated.

NEGATIVE SENTENCES

- e) We **haven't been going** out much.
- f) My friend **hasn't been sleeping** well.

QUESTIONS

- g) How long **have you been studying**?
- h) What **has she been doing** lately?
- i) **Have you been working** late? – Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

The present perfect continuous uses the auxiliary verb ...

a) **HAVE** or **HAS**.

b) **VERB TO BE**.

c) **GERUND**.

For negative sentences, we use...

a) **DIDN'T**

b) **AREN'T** or **ISN'T**.

c) **HAVEN'T** or **HASN'T**.

The present perfect continuous expresses...

a) **FINISHED ACTIONS.**

b) **AN ACTION THAT STARTED IN THE PAST AND CONTINUES IN THE PRESENT.**

The present perfect continuous is formed...

a) **HAVE / HAS + BEEN + VERB IN -ING**

b) **HAVE + VERB IN PAST.**

3. Choose the correct response.

a) Have you been watching that program lately?

Yes, I am. I'm watching now.

Yes, I have. I've been watching it a lot.

b) What has Sandra been doing these days?

She's been taking karate classes.

No, she hasn't. She is just sleeping.

c) Has your neighbor been making parties all week?

No, she didn't go out.

Yes, and she has been inviting many people.

Note: The present perfect continuous is used to express an action that started in the past and continues in the present.

I've been practicing ballet since I was a child.

<The action continues in the present.>

