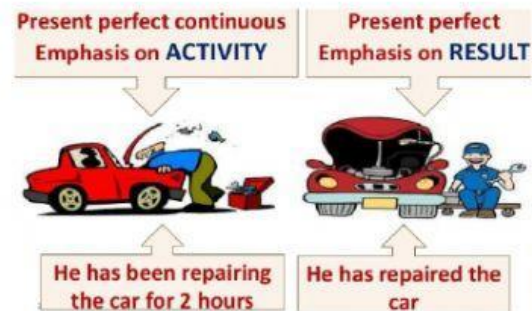
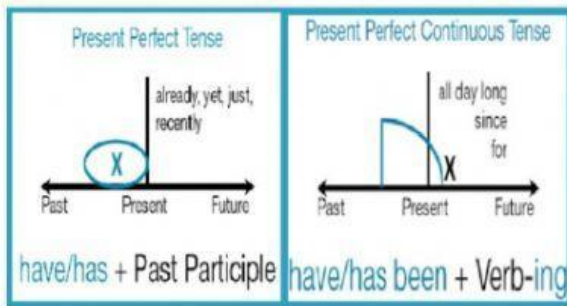


PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE OR PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



Present perfect

vs

Present Perfect Continuous

We use Present Perfect Simple for:

- completed actions, when we are talking about some result.
I've set up a Twitter account. Will you follow me?
- when we say how often something has happened recently
Our team has won three times this season.
- with verbs that are not used in Continuous tenses
I've had this smart phone for 2 years already.

We use Present Perfect Continuous for:

- an action that started in the past and is still in progress
I've been working a lot this semester.
(we often use **FOR** and **SINCE** to say how long the action has been in progress)
- for an action that has recently been in progress and which explains the current situation
You're sweating. Yes, I've been running for half an hour.

Complete the sentences with the present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets and **for** or **since**.

- She _____ (collect) badges _____ ten years. She's got thousands!
- _____ (you / learn) Japanese _____ a long time?
- I'm going home. I _____ (not feel) well _____ this morning.
- My sister _____ (drink) coffee _____ most of the evening and now she can't sleep!
- I don't know why he's being so impatient. He _____ (not wait) _____ long.
- I should do well in my exams. I _____ (work) hard _____ the start of term.

Complete the replies with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

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| 1 A Have you finished that history project?
B No, I haven't. And I _____ (do) it all day! | 4 A Did you write a letter to the town council?
B Yes, but I _____ (not send) it. |
| 2 A Why are your hands so dirty?
B I _____ (try) to repair my bike. | 5 A Are those potatoes ready yet?
B No, they aren't. How long _____ (we / cook) them? |
| 3 A Did your brother forget about football practice?
B Yes. And I _____ (remind) him three times this week! | 6 A Has Billy replied to your messages yet?
B No, he hasn't. And I _____ (text) him five times! |

Circle the correct answers.

- You're two hours late! What _____ all afternoon?
a have you done b have you been doing
- This farm _____ to our family for two centuries.
a has belonged b has been belonging
- 'I sent you an email.' 'Really? I _____ it.'
a haven't received b haven't been receiving
- Is Tom OK? I _____ him three times this week, but he hasn't replied.
a 've texted b 've been texting
- _____ my popcorn? The box is half empty!
a Have you eaten b Have you been eating
- Is dinner ready yet? You _____ for hours!
a 've cooked b 've been cooking
- I'm really enjoying this novel, but I _____ all of it.
a haven't understood b haven't been understanding
- My dad _____ his car. He goes everywhere by bike now.
a has sold b has been selling