

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Form: have / has + been + verb + -ing

Affirmative form	You have been waiting for her for two hours. He has been waiting for her for two hours.
Interrogative form	Have you been waiting for her for two hours? Has he been waiting for her for two hours?
Negative form	You have not been waiting for her for two hours. He has not been waiting for her for two hours.

Use: to show that something started in the past and has continued up until now. It is often used instead of present perfect to emphasize the idea of continuity. Eg: She **has been working** here for seven years...

Note: Some verbs are not used with the present perfect continuous: to think (expressing opinion), to know, to like, to hate, to agree, to need, to love, to want, to hear, to have (expressing possession), etc.

1) Complete with the **present perfect continuous** of the verbs in the box:

Work – read – play – rethink – study – talk – wait

- Sarah _____ to her students for an hour.
- They _____ this problem.
- Jonas _____ English since last year.
- The children _____ in the yard since eight o'clock.
- Those men _____ for a long time in that factory.
- We _____ for Ted for an hour.
- I _____ short stories for one month.

2) Look at Joe's family. Each member of his family is somewhere in the house. Write sentences telling what they have been doing there for about two hours and match with the pictures.

