| Present Perfect | Present Perfect Continuous |
|---|---|
| The action has finished recently | The action started in the past and is continuing at present |
| It's unknown exactly when the action happened | The action in the past was in progress and the results are important now |
| To talk about personal experiences/personal changes | To express annoyance, anger, disappointment; to explain or to criticise |
| To empathise the result | To empathise the duration of the action (for, since, how long) |

1) Lucy _____ about it. (to speak)

2) The students _____ the test since eight o'clock. (to write)

3) Look! There are so many biscuits! Mark and Alice _____ all morning. (to bake)

4) He _____ a house recently. (to buy)

5) The builders _____ twenty houses since last year. (to build)

6) How long _____ here? (you, to wait)

7) Ugh! Jack _____ my private messages! (to go through)

8) It's Mary's birthday tomorrow. She _____ her birthday party for weeks. (to plan)

9) They _____ the walls in the nursery. (to paint)

10) Emma _____ her hair red. (to dye)

11) He _____ the dishes and hasn't done anything else since morning. (only, to wash)

12) Who _____ my sweets? (to eat)

13) Wow. The flat is spotless! The kids _____ all morning. (to clean)

14) The artist _____ the painting. (to finish)

15) These people _____ here since 2001. (to live)

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## Answers

1) Lucy **has spoken** about it.

2) The students **have been writing** the test since eight o'clock.

3) Look! There are so many biscuits! Mark and Alice **have been baking** all morning.

4) He **has bought** a house recently.

5) The builders **have built** twenty houses since last year.

6) How long **have you been waiting** here?

7) Ugh! Jack **has been going through** my private messages!

8) It's Mary's birthday tomorrow. She **has been planning** her birthday party for weeks.

9) They **have painted** the walls in the nursery.

10) Emma **has dyed** her hair red.

11) He **has only washed** the dishes and hasn't done anything else since morning.

12) Who **has been eating** my sweets?

13) Wow. The flat is spotless! The kids **have been cleaning** all morning.

14) The artist **has finished** the painting.

15) These people **have been living** here since 2001.

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