

Present Perfect Continuous

Simple or Continuous?

11 Choose the correct form of the verb.



- 1 How many biscuits have you *eaten* / *been eating* today?
- 2 Who's *eaten* / *been eating* my chocolates? There are only three left!
- 3 How long have you *known* / *been knowing* Ed and Liz?
- 4 He's *written* / *been writing* a novel for three years – it's nearly finished.
- 5 He's *written* / *been writing* a novel. It was published last year.
- 6 So that's why the children are so quiet! They've *watched* / *been watching* TV all morning!

12 Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Someone _____ (move) my car keys.
I _____ (look) for them for ages, but I _____ (not find) them yet.
- 2 I _____ (shop) for clothes all morning, but I _____ (not buy) anything yet.
- 3 Come and join us! We're laughing because Ben _____ (tell) us some brilliant jokes. That last one was one of the best I _____ (ever hear).
- 4 I _____ (listen) to you talking about astrophysics for the past five minutes, but I'm afraid I _____ (understand) a single word!
- 5 I _____ (work) on the computer all day and it _____ (give) me a terrible headache.
- 6 I _____ (try) to lose weight for the past month. I _____ (lose) five kilos so far.

Replying with questions

13 Complete the questions with either the Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- 1 A My brother runs marathons.
B How long has he been running marathons?
How many marathons has he run?
- 2 A I'm having driving lessons.
B How long _____?
How many _____?
- 3 A My girlfriend translates German novels into English.
B How long _____?
Which German novels _____?
- 4 A Anna and Ian are getting married on Saturday.
B How many guests _____ they _____ to the wedding?
How long _____ engaged?
- 5 A Klara is a teacher.
B How long _____ for?
How many schools _____ in?
- 6 A Hi Chris! It's good to see you again!
B Yes. What _____ since we last met?
A Taking more law exams.
B Really! So how many _____ now?

Correcting mistakes

14 Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- 1 How long do you know our teacher?

- 2 This is the first time I eat Thai food.

- 3 I learn English for four years now.

- 4 How long you been working here?

- 5 The World Cup has won by Brazil five times.

- 6 We've been living here since three years.
