



**PRESENT  
PERFECT**

**HAVE BEEN  
HAS BEEN**  
**-ing**

**A. Action vs Nonaction Verbs**

Classify the following verbs as action, nonaction verbs, or both.

cook / want / have / understand / jump / think / know / work / love / swim / believe / drive / remember

Action Verbs	Nonaction Verbs	Both

**Remember**

Nonaction verbs are **not** used in the continuous (-ing) form.



**B. Are these sentences (C) correct or (I) incorrect?**

1. Your siblings have been waiting for you since 8 o'clock. Hurry up!
2. We have been having our pets for 5 years.
3. My mom has been believing in ghosts for 40 years.
4. My friends have wanted to travel to Paris since they graduated from university.
5. Mark has been playing the guitar since he was a child.
6. I have been knowing my best friend since 2012.
7. How long have you been working for that company?
8. How long have Pepita been studying English?



C. Make sentences with the **present perfect simple** or the **present perfect continuous + for / since (if necessary)**. Please pay close attention to the verbs.

**Example:** My sister / have that hairstyle / five weeks

My sister **has had** that hairstyle for five weeks.

1. I / work for an NGO / 8 years
2. We / know each other / we were children
3. The children / play video games / two hours
4. You / study really hard / recently
5. Camila / hate onions / a long time

