

Class

GRAMMAR 1

Name:.....

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS
Focuses on the result	Focuses on the activity
<i>You've cleaned the bathroom! It looks lovely!</i>	<i>I've been gardening. It's so nice out there.</i>
Says 'how many'	Says 'how long'
<i>She's read ten books this summer.</i>	<i>She's been reading that book all day.</i>
Describes a completed action	Describes an activity which may continue
<i>I've written you an email.</i>	<i>I've been writing emails.</i>
	When we can see evidence of recent activity
	<i>The grass looks wet. Has it been raining? I know, I'm really red. I've been running!</i>

Fill each blank with the present perfect or present perfect continuous of the verb in brackets.

1. It (*snow*) _____ all day. I wonder when it will stop.
2. We (*have*) _____ three major snowstorms so far this winter. I wonder how many more we will have.
3. It's ten P.M. I (*study*) _____ for two hours and probably won't finish until midnight.
4. I (*write*) _____ them three times, but I still haven't received a reply.
5. The telephone (*ring*) _____ four times in the last hour, and each time it has been for my office mate.
6. The telephone (*ring*) _____ for almost a minute. Why doesn't someone answer it?
7. A: (*you, be*) _____ able to reach Bob on the phone yet?
B: Not yet. I (*try*) _____ for the last twenty minutes, but all I get is a busy signal.
8. A: Hi, Jenny. I (*see, not*) _____ you for weeks. What (*you, do*) _____ lately?
B: Studying.