

DAY 6

SUBJECT: Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

Exercise 1. Use PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE to fill in the blanks.

1. I'm tired, because I **have been working** (work) very hard.
2. He (write) letters all morning.
3. Catherina is getting fatter because she (eat) too much.
4. My mother (peel) the potatoes all afternoon.
5. Cathy (attend) a cookery course since March.
6. How long you (learn) English?
7. Where are my eye-glasses? I (look) for them for an hour.
8. Charles (escape) from the police for years.
9. How long you (use) a computer?
10. Elizabeth (live) with Mike for three years.

11. She (earn) quite a lot of money for the last two years.

12. It (rain) for six hours.

Exercise 2. Choose the appropriate tense.

1. I've bought / been buying a new pair of shoes.
2. Have you finished / Have you been finishing reading that book yet?
3. They've eaten / have been eating fruit all afternoon, ever since they came from school.
4. I've been reading / have read this book now, so you can have it back.
5. I've been writing / have written eight pages already.
6. Your exam paper is completely blank! What have you been doing / have you done?
7. Oh, no! There's nothing to eat. My sister has been eating / has eaten everything I left in the kitchen.
8. Oh, no! There's no wine to drink. They have drunk / have been drinking all the wine.
9. No wonder your eyes hurt. You've been playing / have played computer games ever since you had your breakfast.
10. I haven't seen / haven't been seeing you for ages.
11. God! Hakan has scored / has been scoring.
12. They have danced / have been dancing for an hour.
13. I have been waiting / have waited for you for ages.
14. I 've finished / 've been finishing my work.

15. I 've been writing / have written this letter for an hour.

16. He has visited / has been visiting ten museums this week.

17. I'm very tired. Because I have travelled / have been travelling around Istanbul all day.

18. She has found / has been finding a good job.

19. I'm hot because I have been running / have run.

20. I have written / have been writing letters for weeks.

**Exercise 3. Use PRESENT PERFECT TENSE or PRESENT PERFECT
CONTINUOUS to fill in the blanks:**

1. I'm trying to study. I (try) to study for the last hour, but something always seems to interrupt me. I think I'd better go to the library.
2. The children are playing basketball right now. They (play) for almost two hours. They must be getting tired.
3. The telephone (ring) four times in the last hour, and each time it has been for my roommate.
4. The telephone (ring) for almost a minute. Why doesn't someone answer it?
5. It (rain) all day. I wonder when it will stop.
6. We (have) three accidents so far this week. I wonder how many more we will have if you keep using the tools carelessly.

7. We (live) here since last June.

8. My little son is dirty from head to foot because he
(play) in the mud.

9. What's the matter? Your eyes are red and puffy. I hope you
(not / cry). Oh, now I understand. You
(peel) some onions.

10. Hello, Rob. I'm happy to see you again. I
(not / see) you for weeks. What you
(do) lately?

11. I (not / be) able to reach my
boss on the phone yet. I
(try) for the last twenty minutes, but the line
(been) busy.

12. We (have) three major snowstorms so
far this winter. I wonder how many more we will have.

13. I (write) them three times, but I
still haven't received a reply.

14. A: Dr. Harrison is a good teacher. How long he
..... (be) at the university?
B: He (teach) here for almost 25 years.

15. A: What are you going to order for dinner?
B: Well, I (have / have) pizza. So I
think, I'll order that.

16. My uncle (paint) the outside of his house for three weeks and he's still not finished.

17. The Smiths are presently in Tunisia. They (travel) throughout North Africa since the middle of May. They'll return home in another month.

Exercise 4. Use THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE or THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS to fill in the blanks:

1. I'm tired. We (walk) for over an hour. Let's stop and rest for a while.
2. The zoo isn't far from here. I (walk) there many times.
3. I (write) my friends at least a dozen letters since I left home and come home.
4. Sally is writing a letter to her boyfriend. She (write) it since she got home from class. It's going to be a long letter.
5. The telephone (ring) four times in the last hour, and each time it has been for my roommate.
6. The telephone (ring) for almost a minute. Why doesn't someone answer it?
7. She is 80 and she (never / read) a book in her life.
8. The secretary is very tired. She (type) all morning.

9. Tom is reading a book. He started two hours ago and he is on page 53. He (read) for two hours.

10. Hello! I (clean) the windows. So far I (clean) five of them and there are two more to do.

11. My grandfather (died) 30 years ago. I (never / meet) him.

12. A: Is your father at home?
B: No, I'm afraid he (go) out.
A: When exactly (he / go) out?
B: About ten minutes ago.

Exercise 5. Fill in the following sentences by using PAST PERFECT

CONTINUOUS TENSE:

1. We (play) football for half an hour when it started to rain.
2. I (study) English for a short time when the electricity went off.
3. She (do) her homework before you came in.
4. His knees and hands were very dirty. He (crawl) in the garden.
5. I (drive) the car for five years when I sold it.

6. We were very tired. We (travel) for
about sixteen hours.

7. They were out of breath. They
(run) for a long time.

8. He (live) in London for ten years
when he had an accident.

9. He was tired because he (write)
letters all morning.

10. He (repair) the radio for an hour
when you arrived.

11. I was tired because I (type) for a long
time.