

LESSON 20: PRESENT PERFECT & PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Exercise 1: Tick the correct tense: Present perfect (PP) or Present perfect continuous (PPC). Then put the verbs in the correct forms.

Sentences	PP	PPC
1. I _____ (prepare) a big dinner, so you can come over.		
2. I _____ (prepare) a big dinner, so all my pans are dirty.		
3. He _____ (work) as a nurse for many years.		
4. She _____ (study) Chinese since I was 8 years old.		
5. Have you always _____ (hate) garlic?		
6. Thanks for the recipe book! We _____ (try) two different recipes so far.		
7. We _____ (try) to call the internet company all morning but I can't get through.		
8. I'm quite worried about Max. She _____ (not sleep) well recently.		
9. Don't worry. They _____ (do) several projects like this.		
10. _____ (they, watch) the movie yet? No, they _____.		

Exercise 2: Read and choose the correct answers.

- The building is not far from here. I've been there _____.
A. many times B. all day C. yet
- You can take a rest now. You have been practicing for _____. You must be very tired.
A. several times B. over two hours C. both A & B

3. Have _____ called you yet?
A. your parent B. your parents C. you parents
4. They have been convincing her to move out _____.
A. already B. yet C. recently
5. Have you _____ this soup? Yes, I have.
A. tasted B. been tasting C. been tasted
6. Frank has sunburnt because he _____ under the sun the whole afternoon.
A. has sunbathing B. has sunbathed C. has been sunbathing
7. Sorry Jane, I am so late. How long _____ for me?
A. have you waited B. have you been waiting C. are you waiting

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the present perfect or present perfect continuous.

1. It _____ (snow) for over an hour. My children are excited because this is the first time that they _____ (see) snow.
2. We _____ (not arrive) at the hotel yet even though we _____ (drive) for hours.
3. Look at your clothes. Why are they so dirty? What _____ (you, do) in the garden, Jimmy?
4. David _____ (just buy) a new pair of jeans.
5. People _____ (complain) all morning because of the noise.
6. Why _____ (you, not pay) your tuition fee yet? Do you need help?
7. I _____ (not talk) you for ages! How are things for you?
8. We _____ (visit) ten museums since we arrived here in Rome.
9. I think Miranda _____ (cry). That's why her eyes are so red.
10. My dad _____ (look) for a new apartment since Monday, but he _____ (not find) anything yet.

Exercise 4: Use the given words to make meaningful sentences with the correct tense (Present perfect or Present perfect continuous).

1. I / type / three emails / this afternoon.

2. My dad / not be / to a party / since his birthday.

3. the boys / play / video games / since this morning?

4. I think / I / hear / this song / before.

5. My mom / paint / the kitchen / all day, but it / not finish / yet.

6. Why / Carol / act / weird / lately?

Exercise 5: Complete the dialogue using the verbs in the brackets. Use Present perfect or Present perfect continuous forms.

Laura and Mary are chatting on the phone ...

Laura: Hey, I heard your mum is in Dubai.

Mary: Yeah. She ¹_____ (travel) a lot recently. Now she is in Dubai but next week, she is going to China. Why are you asking about her?

Laura: Oh, my Chinese teacher ²_____ (give, just) me some homework to interview an interesting person and translated it into Chinese. And I want to interview your mom.

Mary: I see. My mom ³_____ (be, already) to a lot of places, so I guess she has a lot to tell you.

Laura: I remember that she ⁴_____ (win) some awards, right?

Mary: She ⁵_____ (not win) any awards. I think you are thinking of someone else.

Laura: I guess so. Can you give me her phone number, so I can call her later?

Mary: Sure. Enough about my mom. What ⁶_____ (you, do) lately? I ⁷_____ (not see) you for weeks.

Laura: I'm good. I'm just very busy with my school. Maybe we can hang out this weekend.

Mary: That sounds good. I ⁸_____ (bake) cookies all morning. I will save some for you. Oh, ⁹_____ (you, hear) about Jenny? She ¹⁰_____ (train) to join the Master Chef Junior.

Laura: Really? Tell me more about that when we meet. I have to go now.

Mary: Ok, sure. See you this weekend. Bye!