

# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



## Examples:

They **have been living** here since 1996. ( and they still do)

They **have been learning** English for five years. ( and they are still learning it)

Using sentences with the **Present Perfect Continuous** we indicate more clearly that the action is still continuing into the present. It is not yet completed.

Some verbs are much more commonly found in the continuous form ( **wait, lie, sit, stand, live, rest, learn, study** ). This is because these verbs, by their nature, describe a continuous activity, almost a state.



## EXERCISE

Write the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Continuous and complete with *since* or *for*, where necessary.

- 1-What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch?
- 2-I \_\_\_\_\_ (rest).
- 3-The Browns \_\_\_\_\_ (live) here \_\_\_\_\_ the last ten years.
- 4-She \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) in the sun \_\_\_\_\_ the whole morning.
- 5-I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to get in touch with you \_\_\_\_\_ seven.
- 6-We \_\_\_\_\_ ( wait) at this bus stop \_\_\_\_\_ half an hour now.
- 7-Mr Brown \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) French \_\_\_\_\_ September.
- 8-I \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) and \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the ducks on the pond \_\_\_\_\_ hours
- 9- I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English \_\_\_\_\_ 3 years.
- 10-She \_\_\_\_\_ (stand) in the queue \_\_\_\_\_ two o'clock.
- 11-The Browns \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) around Portugal \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of July.
- 12-My cousin \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) with us all this summer.
- 13-This book \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) around \_\_\_\_\_ ages; why haven't you read it?
- 14-We \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to that man \_\_\_\_\_ twenty minutes.
15. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) French \_\_\_\_\_ I was seven.
16. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for the same company \_\_\_\_\_ 1992.
17. They \_\_\_\_\_ (read) the same book \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.
18. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to compose a symphony \_\_\_\_\_ two years.
19. They \_\_\_\_\_ (build) this house \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
20. These workers \_\_\_\_\_ (live) on the dole \_\_\_\_\_ quite a long time.

