

PRESENT PERFECT AND PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS HOMEWORK

20 Present perfect simple or present perfect continuous?

- We use the present perfect continuous to put emphasis on how long an activity has been going on.

Harry has been selling homemade cakes at the school fete all morning.

(= the emphasis is on how long he has been doing this activity)

- We use the present perfect simple to put emphasis on the result of the activity, or what we have achieved through it.

Harry has sold eighteen cakes so far.

(= the emphasis is on the result of the activity; that is, how many cakes he has sold)

- Sometimes we can use either tense without changing the meaning of the sentence.

I have lived here for three years.

I have been living here for three years.

- State verbs do not have a continuous form.

She has known Martha for two years. ✓

She's been knowing Martha for two years. X

21 Complete with the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

- 1 A: How long have you been playing (play) this game?
B: Half an hour, and I have already gone up (go up) four levels!
- 2 A: My friend, Nastasia, (appear) in three films so far.
B: I'm happy for her. I always (think) she was a very talented actress.
- 3 A: We (walk) in circles for the last half hour! What's the name of the restaurant?
We could ask someone where it is.
B: I don't know. I (forget) it!
- 4 A: Mark (try) to call you all day, but your mobile (be) busy.
B: That's strange. I (not use) my mobile at all today.
- 5 A: Julia and Daisy (pick) strawberries for two hours now.
B: Really? They only (fill) one small basket!

22

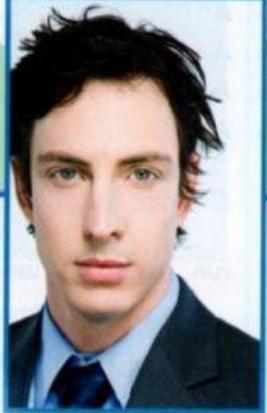
Read and complete. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

TeenLink

The Work Files

The Game Master by Harry Davis

This week, let's meet Ian Brody. Ian has a dream job: he's a video game developer.



TeenLink: Ian, How long ¹ have you been doing (you / do) this job?

Ian: I ² (work) in this area for six years now.

TeenLink: Is it something ³ (always / want) to do?

Ian: Absolutely. I feel I'm a very lucky guy. I just get paid to do what I ⁴ (love) all my life.

TeenLink: How many games ⁵ (you / develop) so far?

Ian: It's not a one-man job, you know. There are teams of people doing different things. Well, my team and I ⁶ (work) on our last project for eighteen months now. It's nearly ready.

TeenLink: ⁷ (you / ever produce) a game that was a big success?

Ian: Of course we have. It's called 'The Big Chase'.

TeenLink: Great! I ⁸ (play) that game for three months now, but I'm stuck on level 11. Have you got any tips?

Ian: Sure – but only if you promise to keep them a secret...

10