

## Class Work

## Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

## REVISE THE RULES

## PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

POSITIVE FORM			NEGATIVE FORM		
Sbj + has/have + V3			Sbj + has/have <b>NOT</b> + V3		
He She It	+ has	+ started	He She It	+ has not hasn't	+ started
I You We You They	+ have	+ started	I You We You They	+ have not haven't	+ started
<b>+</b> Ex: I have done it. Ex: He has done it.			<b>-</b> Ex: I have not ( haven't ) done it. Ex: He has not ( hasn't ) done it.		

## Present Perfect Continuous Tense

**+** S + have/has + been + V-ing  
They have been learning English for 2 years.

**-** S + have/has + not + been + V-ing  
They have not been learning English for 2 years.

**?** Have/has + S + been + V-ing  
Have they been learning English for 2 years?

Usage

Example

### PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

is used to stress the **duration** of an action.

It is formed with **have / has been** + **main verb** with ending **-ing**:

*I / You / We / They **have been watching** the game for 3 hours.*

*He / she / It **has been watching** the game for 3 hours.*

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### NOTE:

Adverbs commonly used with the Present Perfect Continuous:

- **since, for, how long**  
*We have been watching the game **SINCE** 4 p.m.*
- **all day / night / morning / my life / year (all day long, all night long...)**  
*Jack has been studying **ALL AFTERNOON**.*
- **lately, recently**  
*We have been working very hard **RECENTLY**.*

### PRESENT PERFECT vs PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- We use the **Present Perfect Continuous** for incomplete actions which were **in progress** over a period of time in the past. With recently completed actions we use the **Present Perfect**.  
*We **have been living** in Kyiv for 12 years. (We're still there now.)*  
*They've **lived** in Luhansk, Donetsk and Dnipro. (They aren't there now.)*
- We often use the **Present Perfect Continuous** with 'how long'. If we ask 'how often' or 'how much/many' we use the **Present Perfect**.  
*How long **has she been sleeping**?*  
*How often **have you worn** that suit?*  
*How many English lessons **have you had**?*

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## ORALLY

### 4 Choose the correct word or phrase in brackets.

- 1 How long (have you had / have you been having) your car?
- 2 Ron (worked / has been working) as a postman for the past month.
- 3 Mary (has been finding / has found) a good job.
- 4 I (have written / have been writing) an essay all day.
- 5 How long (have you been living / do you live) in Kyiv?



## IN WRITING

### 5 *Use the Present Perfect or the Present Perfect Continuous with the verbs in brackets.*

A: How long ... you ... (*try*) to find a job?

B: For three years. It ... (*be*) really difficult.

A: How many jobs ... you ... (*have*)?

B: About thirty, maybe more I ... (*do*) everything.

A: How long ... you ... (*stand*) here today?

B: I ... (*wait*) since 8:00 this morning, and I'm freezing.

### 6 *Write sentences with the Present Perfect Continuous adding 'for' or 'since'.*

**Example:** she / work there / 2003

*She's been working there since 2003.*

1 how long / they / go out together?

2 I / study English / eight years.

3 you / read that book / months!

4 you / wait / a long time?

5 how long / she / live there?

6 I / rent this flat / three years.

7 she / work here / a long time?

## **HOMEWORK:** in writing

**3** *Read and make up sentences saying how long the people have been doing different things.*

**Example:** Paula started laughing ten minutes ago and she is still laughing. *(She / laugh)*  
*She has been laughing for ten minutes.*

- 1 The Carltons bought their car two years ago and they still have it. *(They / drive)*
- 2 Kitty's brother jumped in the pool at 12. It's now 1 p.m. and he's still in the pool. *(He / swim)*
- 3 Sheila came to work at 9. It's now 5 p.m. and she's still at work. *(She / work)*
- 4 We got our mixer in 2001. We still use it. *(We / use)*
- 5 Ben started telling jokes at 6 in the afternoon. It's now 8 and he hasn't stopped. *(He / tell)*
- 6 Mark and Will started playing a computer game at 4 p.m. It's now 6 and they are still playing. *(They / play)*
- 7 I started drawing a picture in the morning and I am still doing it now, at 7 p.m. *(I / draw)*