

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 NOT + V3		
He	+	has	He	+	has not
She			She		hasn't
It			It		
I			I		
You			You		
We	+	have	We	+	have not
You			You		haven't
They			They		
+ Ex: I have done it.		- Ex: I have not (haven't) done it.		Ex: He has 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.*

GRAMMAR LINKS

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?

GRAMMAR

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! ... (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*)