

Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

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4 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the list in the *present perfect* or *present perfect continuous*.

- rain • catch • fail • work • study • fish



1 She's very sad. She
..... her exams.



2 He
..... since morning.



3 They
..... all morning.



4 He
..... any fish yet.



5 She
as a teacher for ten years.



6 It
..... all day today.

5 Underline the correct word.

- How long/since have the children been watching TV?
- We haven't finished already/yet.
- Have you been doing anything interesting so far/lately?
- Has Charlotte recently/always been so good at Maths?
- Mathew has already/still been to Los Angeles this year.
- Has Jenny found her car keys since/yet?
- I have ever/never driven such an expensive car before!
- Have you seen any good films recently/ever?
- They have taken over 100 photos so far/yet.
- He hasn't lived here since/for 20 years.

6 For each situation use the words in brackets to ask a question or to make a statement.

- You see your friend waiting for the bus. You ask: (wait long?)
▶ *Have you been waiting long?*
- Your friends are going to a rock concert. You ask: (book tickets?)
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- Your friend asks about your dad's job. You say: (work/doctor/for years)
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- You see your neighbour driving a new car. You tell your friend: (buy/new car)
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- Your friend has got her hair dyed. You ask: (dye/hair)
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- You ask your sister why she is crying. She says: (lose/ring)
.....
- Your brother is panting and his face is red. You ask: (fight?)
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- There's a bank robbery. You ask: (they/catch robbers?)
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Speaking

Tell your partner:

- two things you have/haven't done this week
- two things you have been doing for the last four years
- two things which have happened in the past at an unstated time

- ▶ *I've tidied my room.*
I've been learning English for the last four years.
My parents have bought a new car.

Writing

Write a short email to your English penfriend, Jim, telling him your news. Use the *present perfect* and *present perfect continuous*. Use the email in Ex. 3 as a model.