

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE + CONTINUOUS

We use the Present Perfect Continuous to talk about:

- actions which started in the past and continue into the present:
*I **have been waiting** for her since 8 o'clock.*
- events which lasted for some time (and may continue into the present) and whose results can be seen now:
*I'm tired because I've **been painting** all day.*

Like the Present Perfect Simple, common time expressions used with the Present Perfect Continuous include *for* and *since*.

Affirmative		Negative	
I/You/We/ They	've (have) been crying.	I/ You/ We/ They	haven't (have not) been crying.
He/She/It	's (has)	He/ She/ It	hasn't (has not)
Yes / No questions		Short answers	
Have	I/you/we/ they been crying?	Yes, I/you/we/they have . No, I/you/we/they haven't .	
Has	he/she/it	Yes, he/she/it has . No, he/she/it hasn't .	
Wh- questions		Subject questions	
How long	I/you/ we/ they have been crying? he/ she/it has	Who	has been crying?

Present Perfect Continuous or Present Perfect Simple?

- We use the Present Perfect Continuous to focus on an action or process (which may or may not be complete). Questions in the Present Perfect Continuous often begin with *how long*:
***How long has she been writing** books?*
- We use the Present Perfect Simple to focus on an achievement or the result of an action. Questions in the Present Perfect Simple often begin with *how many*:
***How many books has he written**?*
- We don't use *when* in questions in either of the two tenses.
- State verbs are generally used in the Present Perfect Simple only.

1- Use the words to write sentences in the PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS.
Add SINCE or FOR where necessary.

a- I / study / art / 2009

b- How long / you / wear / your glasses?

- c- you / swim / all afternoon? _____
- d- it / rain / two hours now _____
- e- we / not watch / the match _____
- f- my parents / study / English / five years _____
- g- how long / Joanna / work / in that café? _____
- h- Amy / surf / the Internet / all day? _____
- i- my sister / work / as a photographer / three years _____
- j- Hannah and Eve / revise / for their exam / all evening? _____

2- Choose the correct options.

- a- I've looked / been looking for you for an hour!
- b- How many paintings have you sold / been selling?
- c- We have travelled / been travelling for a couple of weeks now.
- d- The profesor has answered / been answering more than 100 questions about the Louvre.
- e- John has known / been knowing Cynthia since primary school.
- f- I've seen / been seeing most of his paintings. They are all amazing!
- g- How long have you waited / have you been waiting?
- h- Have you written / been writing your essay all morning?
- i- How many art galleries has Dan been visiting / visited today?
- j- How long have you had / been having this painting by Van Gogh?

3- Put he verbs in Brackets in Present Perfect Simple OR Continuous (use ContraCted forms)

- a- I _____ (not / eat) sweets since last weekend.
- b- She _____ (not / see) John for at least a month.
- c- We _____ (listen) to this band since my last birthday party.
- d- I _____ (try) to talk to her since yesterday.
- e- My mom _____ (do) yoga for more than a year.
- f- I _____ (know) my best friend since I was ten.
- g- I _____ (have) a cold for two days.
- h- Mark _____ (learn) to play the piano since he was a small child.