

Present Perfect	Present Perfect Continuous
The action has finished recently	The action started in the past and is continuing at present
It's unknown exactly when the action happened	The action in the past was in progress and the results are important now
To talk about personal experiences/personal changes	To express annoyance, anger, disappointment; to explain or to criticise
To empathise the result	To empathise the duration of the action (for, since, how long)

- 1) Lucy _____ about it. (to speak)
- 2) The students _____ the test since eight o'clock. (to write)
- 3) Look! There are so many biscuits! Mark and Alice _____ all morning. (to bake)
- 4) He _____ a house recently. (to buy)
- 5) The builders _____ twenty houses since last year. (to build)
- 6) How long _____ here? (you, to wait)
- 7) Ugh! Jack _____ my private messages! (to go through)
- 8) It's Mary's birthday tomorrow. She _____ her birthday party for weeks. (to plan)
- 9) They _____ the walls in the nursery. (to paint)
- 10) Emma _____ her hair red. (to dye)
- 11) He _____ the dishes and hasn't done anything else since morning. (only, to wash)
- 12) Who _____ my sweets? (to eat)
- 13) Wow. The flat is spotless! The kids _____ all morning. (to clean)
- 14) The artist _____ the painting. (to finish)
- 15) These people _____ here since 2001. (to live)

Answers

- 1) Lucy **has spoken** about it.
- 2) The students **have been writing** the test since eight o'clock.
- 3) Look! There are so many biscuits! Mark and Alice **have been baking** all morning.
- 4) He **has bought** a house recently.
- 5) The builders **have built** twenty houses since last year.
- 6) How long **have you been waiting** here?
- 7) Ugh! Jack **has been going through** my private messages!
- 8) It's Mary's birthday tomorrow. She **has been planning** her birthday party for weeks.
- 9) They **have painted** the walls in the nursery.
- 10) Emma **has dyed** her hair red.
- 11) He **has only washed** the dishes and hasn't done anything else since morning.
- 12) Who **has been eating** my sweets?
- 13) Wow. The flat is spotless! The kids **have been cleaning** all morning.
- 14) The artist **has finished** the painting.
- 15) These people **have been living** here since 2001.