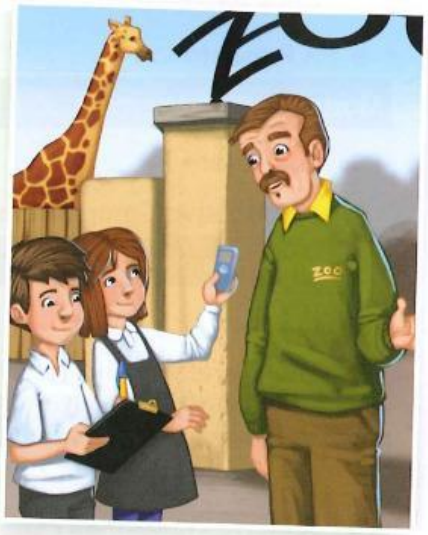
1 An Interview at a Zoo

Discover Grammar

A Listen and read. 02



Boy Have you been working here for long, Mr. Abbot?
Zookeeper Yes, I have. I've been working here for twenty years.
Girl Have you done many different jobs at the zoo?
Zookeeper Yes, I have. I've fed the animals, cleaned the cages, and I've spoken to children on school trips.
Boy Have you visited the countries where the animals come from?
Zookeeper No, I haven't. I haven't seen the animals in the wild.
Girl Which animals have you been helping to protect over the years?
Zookeeper We've been helping to protect lots of endangered species.
Boy Have you been working with schools?
Zookeeper No, we haven't, but we have been working with our interns. These teenagers have been helping us to improve our handouts for schools. Some have been doing jobs here on the weekends.
Girl What sort of jobs?
Zookeeper They've been brushing the ponies and feeding the animals.

B Circle the five past participles in the text above.

C Listen again and underline all the verbs ending in *-ing*. 02

D Reorder the words to make sentences.

1 animals / been / have / you / protecting / Which _____?
2 been / Have / schools / working / with / you _____?
3 been / here / doing / They've / jobs _____
4 ponies / brushing / been / the / They've _____
5 the / been / animals / They've / feeding _____
6 spoken / children / to / school / I've / on / trips _____
7 haven't / the / I / seen / wild / animals / the / in _____
8 interns / been / We've / working / our / with _____

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Learn Grammar

A **Read and learn.**

Present Perfect

Use the present perfect to talk about things you've done in your life up to now (your experience).

Have you done many different jobs at the zoo? *I have done lots of different things!*
Have you visited Africa or India? *No, I haven't seen the animals in the wild.*

Affirmative: *has / have* + past participle
Negative: *hasn't / haven't* + past participle
Questions: *Have / Has* + subject + past participle *?*

Remember! The past participle is often the same as the simple past form of the verb.

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Use short answers to questions in the present perfect to avoid repetition.

Have you fed the lions? *Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.*

B **Listen and read. Write sentences in the present perfect.** 03

Sammy [1] _____ (you / do) lots of different jobs at the zoo over twenty years, haven't you?
Mr. Abbot Yes, I have. [2] _____ (I / sell) tickets at the entrance, and [3] _____ (I / drive) the little train that goes around the zoo.
Sammy Really? And have you done anything else?
Mr. Abbot Yes, [4] _____ (I / work) in the cafeteria and [5] _____ (I / help) to build some of the things in the children's play area, too.

C **Sammy has written an article about Mr Abbot. Fill in the blanks with the verbs below.**

he's driven he's fed He has been he's helped he's done
he's spoken he's sold He's worked (x2)

An amazing zookeeper!



Mr. Abbot has been at the local zoo for over twenty years, and during that time, [1] _____ many different jobs. [2] _____ a lot with the animals of course and [3] _____ and cleaned them, but he's also done lots of other jobs at the zoo. [4] _____ to school groups, [5] _____ tickets at the entrance and [6] _____ the little train that goes around the zoo. But that's not all! [7] _____ in the cafeteria and [8] _____ build some swings and slides for the playground. A really amazing zookeeper!

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D **Kadiatu works at the zoo on the weekends. Look at the pictures. Which jobs has she done? Which jobs hasn't she tried yet? Write sentences.**

1 She's fed the penguins.
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____


feed the penguins ✓


work in the cafeteria ✗


sell balloons ✓


clean the picnic area ✗


help a lost child ✓


take some photos for the website ✓

Present Perfect Continuous

Use the present perfect continuous to talk about an action that started in the past and is continuing now. We often use it with *for* or *since*.

I have been working here for twenty years.

Past **Present** **Future**

Action started in the past. Action is continuing now.

Which animals have you been helping to protect?
We've been helping to protect endangered species. (= We are still protecting them now.)
Have you been working with animals a long time? Yes, I have. / No, I haven't.

Affirmative: *has / have + been + -ing* form of verb
Negative: *hasn't / haven't + been + -ing* form of verb
Questions: *Have / Has* + subject + *been + -ing* form of verb *?*



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When we use the present perfect continuous in speaking, we often use the short form.
have = 've *I have been working. = I've been working.*
has = 's *Mr. Abbot has been feeding the animals. = Mr. Abbot's been feeding the animals.*

Use *for* to talk about a period of time e.g. *five minutes, three weeks, two years.*
Use *since* to talk about a moment in the past e.g. *ten o'clock, May 1st, Sunday.*
I've been working at the zoo for three years. I've been brushing the ponies since 7:00 p.m.

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E **Marta has written an email to her friend about the work she has been doing in the zoo. Read the email. Underline the seven examples of the present perfect continuous.**

Hi Laura,

How are you? I'm great!

I've been working for the past year as an intern at our local zoo. It's fantastic. I've been doing lots of interesting things. I've been working with lots of different animals in Pets Corner. My favorites are the meerkats. I've been feeding them. And I'm part of a group of interns – we have been preparing handouts for children who come to the zoo on a school trip. It's been good fun. What have you been doing this summer? Have you been working?

I'll write again soon and send some photos. Bye for now.

Marta

F **Write the sentences in the present perfect continuous.**

1 They _____ (do) jobs on the weekend.
2 They _____ (feed) the animals.
3 He _____ (speak) to children.
4 We _____ (not work) with schools.
5 We _____ (protect) the animals.
6 These children _____ (help) us.

G **Make the sentences negative.**

1 Yes, I've seen the animals in the wild. _____
2 Yes, they've been to Australia. _____
3 Yes, he's been telling visitors about the new animal. _____
4 Yes, she's been designing the new website. _____

Let's Talk!

H **Tell your partner about some of the things you have or haven't done in your life. Take turns asking and answering the questions. Use these ideas or your own.**

visit many countries | stay in my capital city | see animals in the wild | play soccer

Have you visited many countries?

I've/haven't visited many countries in Europe and Asia.

I **Take turns asking and answering questions. Use these ideas or your own.**

do my homework | play music in my room | draw pictures | watch TV | do some exercise

What have you been doing today?

I've been playing soccer with my friends.

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