



Watch the video on our website and read the conversation between Sophie and Yasmina. Then do these exercises to check your understanding of the present perfect simple and continuous.



**Grammar
Snacks**

1. Check your grammar: grouping

Write the sentences in the correct group.

To say how many times

To talk about a recent action
which might not be finished

To talk about life experience

When the result is more important

To explain the 'side effects' of an activity,
e.g. why the kitchen is a mess

To say how long

To talk about a finished activity

When the action is more
important

Present perfect simple (have/has done)	Present perfect continuous (have/has been doing)

2. Check your grammar: gap fill

Complete the sentences using the verb in brackets in the present perfect simple or continuous.

- I _____ (write) five emails today.
- Sorry the kitchen's a mess. Ollie _____ (cook).
- Sorry I'm late! Have you _____ (wait) long?
- He _____ (learn) English for six years.

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5. I _____ (see) that film! It was terrible.
6. They've been playing for forty minutes but no one _____ (score) a goal yet.
7. We _____ (know) each other for years.
8. I really need a break! I _____ (revise) all morning!
9. Hey, you look different. Have you _____ (change) your hair?
10. Can we go if we _____ (finish)?
11. Your hands are really dirty! What have you _____ (do)?
12. Who _____ (eat) all the cake?! There's none left.

3. Check your grammar: multiple choice

Read the sentences and circle the correct option.

1. He's waiting for Amy. He arrived 40 minutes ago.
a. He's been waiting for 40 minutes. b. He waits for 40 minutes. c. He's waited for Amy for 40 minutes.
2. Sophie is planning to buy souvenirs. It's on her list of things to do.
a. Sophie's already bought souvenirs. b. Sophie hasn't bought souvenirs already. c. Sophie hasn't bought souvenirs yet.
3. Sophie wanted to visit the Burj Al Arab hotel. She went there two days ago.
a. Sophie hasn't been to the Burj Al Arab hotel yet. b. Sophie has already been to the Burj Al Arab hotel. c. Sophie has just been to the Burj Al Arab hotel.
4. I don't know what octopus tastes like!
a. I haven't been trying octopus. b. I've already tried octopus. c. I've never tried octopus.
5. Ollie took his cake out of the oven a moment ago.
a. Ollie has been making a cake. b. Ollie has just made a cake. c. Ollie hasn't made a cake yet.

6. He's learning how to make Japanese food. He started his course in April.
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| a. He's been learning how to cook Japanese food since April. | b. He's already learnt how to cook Japanese food. | c. He learnt how to cook Japanese food in April. |
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7. The first thing she did was go to a traditional restaurant.
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| a. She's already tried the local food. | b. She's never tried the local food. | c. She hasn't tried the local food yet. |
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8. We didn't have English class this morning. It's the last lesson, later today.
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| a. We haven't had English already. | b. We haven't had English yet. | c. We've just had English. |
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Discussion

What have you been doing today?