

Present perfect simple vs. Present perfect continuous

2.1. Exercises

Present perfect simple :

7.2 Complete B's sentences. Use the verb in brackets + just/already/yet.

A	B
1 Would you like something to eat?	No, thanks. <u>I've just had lunch.</u> (I / just / have / lunch)
2 Do you know where Julia is?	Yes, (I / just / see / her)
3 What time is David leaving? (he / already / leave)
4 What's in the newspaper today?	I don't know. (I / not / read / it yet)
5 Is Sue coming to the cinema with us?	No, (she / already / see / the film)
6 Are your friends here yet?	Yes, (they / just / arrive)
7 What does Tim think about your plan? (we / not / tell / him yet)

Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use the following verbs:

be be eat happen have ~~meet~~ play read see see try

A	B
1 What's Mark's sister like?	I've no idea. <u>I've never met</u> her.
2 How is Diane these days?	I don't know. I her recently.
3 Are you hungry?	Yes. I much today.
4 Can you play chess?	Yes, but for ages.
5 Are you enjoying your holiday?	Yes, it's the best holiday for a long time.
6 What's that book like?	I don't know. it.
7 Is Brussels an interesting place?	I've no idea. there.
8 Mike was late for work again today.	Again? He late every day this week.
9 Do you like caviar?	I don't know. it.
10 I hear your car broke down again yesterday.	Yes, it's the second time this week.
11 Who's that woman by the door?	I don't know. her before.

Complete the sentences using today / this year / this term etc.

- I saw Tom yesterday, but I haven't seen him today
- I read a newspaper yesterday, but I today.
- Last year the company made a profit, but this year
- Tracy worked hard at school last term, but
- It snowed a lot last winter, but
- Our football team won a lot of games last season, but we

Present perfect continuous :

Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- It's raining. The rain started two hours ago.
It 's been raining for two hours.
- We are waiting for the bus. We started waiting 20 minutes ago.
We for 20 minutes.
- I'm learning Spanish. I started classes in December.
I since December.
- Mary is working in London. She started working there on 18 January.
..... since 18 January.
- Our friends always spend their holidays in Italy. They started going there years ago.
..... for years.

Put the verb into the present continuous (I am -ing) or present perfect continuous (I have been -ing).

- Maria has been learning (Maria / learn) English for two years.
- Hello, Tom. (I / look) for you. Where have you been?
- Why (you / look) at me like that? Stop it!
- Linda is a teacher. (she / teach) for ten years.
- (I / think) about what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- 'Is Paul on holiday this week?' 'No, (he / work).'
- Sarah is very tired. (she / work) very hard recently.

Which period do these words refer to? Put a 'X' in the appropriate box.

	present period	period over	period up to now
in 1980			
yesterday			
so far			
now			
for six months now			
for the past ten years			
at the moment			
last week			
at present			
all my life			

	present period	period over	period up to now
in the Middle Ages			
on January 21, 1997			
last year			
a year ago			
since last Tuesday			
in his youth			
a minute ago			
never before			
at 8 o'clock this morning			
when I was on holiday			

Translate:

- Je joue au football depuis que j'ai 11 ans.

- Madame Crutze enseigne depuis 4 ans.

- Il porte le même pantalon depuis 3 jours.

- Ils construisent un nouveau stade de football depuis 5 mois.

- Je ne fume plus depuis 2 semaines.