

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR UNIT: PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS & PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

## PART 1: Present Perfect Continuous

**Instructions:** Choose the option (a, b, c, or d) that correctly completes the sentence with the appropriate verb in the Present Perfect Continuous form.

1. **Her eyes are red and teary because she \_\_\_\_\_ onions in the kitchen.**
  - a) has been cutting
  - b) have been cutting
  - c) have been slicing
  - d) is cutting
2. **The floor is covered in wood dust because my brother \_\_\_\_\_ the furniture all morning.**
  - a) has sanded
  - b) have been sanding
  - c) is sanding
  - d) has been sanding
3. **How long \_\_\_\_\_ for your missing keys in the garden?**
  - a) you have been searching
  - b) has you been looking
  - c) have you been searching
  - d) are you searching

4. **They** \_\_\_\_\_ **for their final exams since 8:00 AM without a break.**
- a) has been revising
  - b) have been studying
  - c) are studying
  - d) have studied
5. **We** \_\_\_\_\_ **non-fiction books lately; we prefer reading novels.**
- a) haven't been reading
  - b) hasn't been reading
  - c) aren't reading
  - d) haven't read
6. **Why is your shirt wet?** \_\_\_\_\_ **the dog in the yard?**
- a) Are you bathing
  - b) You have been washing
  - c) Has you been cleaning
  - d) Have you been bathing
7. **My knees hurt because I** \_\_\_\_\_ **flowers in the garden all afternoon.**
- a) am planting
  - b) has been planting
  - c) have been planting
  - d) have planted
8. **The plumber** \_\_\_\_\_ **to fix the leaking pipe for two hours, but it's still dripping.**
- a) have been trying
  - b) has been trying
  - c) is trying
  - d) has tried

9. She \_\_\_\_\_ video games recently because she wants to spend more time outdoors.
- a) hasn't been playing
  - b) haven't been playing
  - c) isn't playing
  - d) hasn't played
10. Listen! The neighbors \_\_\_\_\_ about something for the last twenty minutes.
- a) has been arguing
  - b) are arguing
  - c) have been arguing
  - d) have argued

## PART 2: Present Perfect Simple vs. Continuous

**Instructions:** Select the option (a, b, c, or d) that correctly completes the sentence using either the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ my room all morning, but I \_\_\_\_\_ cleaning the bathroom yet.
- a) have been cleaning / haven't started
  - b) have cleaned / haven't been starting
  - c) am cleaning / don't start
  - d) clean / hasn't started
2. How many chapters of that book \_\_\_\_\_ so far today?
- a) have you been reading
  - b) are you reading
  - c) do you read
  - d) have you read

3. **My father** \_\_\_\_\_ **three cars this month.**
- a) has been repairing
  - b) is repairing
  - c) has repaired
  - d) repairs
4. **Look at your hands! You are covered in mud! What** \_\_\_\_\_ **?**
- a) have you done
  - b) have you been doing
  - c) do you do
  - d) are you doing
5. **We** \_\_\_\_\_ **in this apartment since 2019.**
- a) have been living
  - b) live
  - c) are living
  - d) lived
6. **She** \_\_\_\_\_ **that famous actor twice this year.**
- a) has been meeting
  - b) is meeting
  - c) meets
  - d) has met
7. **My laptop is very hot because I** \_\_\_\_\_ **graphics-heavy games all afternoon.**
- a) have played
  - b) have been playing
  - c) play
  - d) am playing

8. **He** \_\_\_\_\_ **his passport, so he cannot board the plane!**
- a) has been losing
  - b) loses
  - c) is losing
  - d) has lost
9. **They** \_\_\_\_\_ **the new bridge for six months, but it isn't ready yet.**
- a) build
  - b) have built
  - c) have been building
  - d) are building
10. **I** \_\_\_\_\_ **to call the dentist four times this morning, but the line is always busy.**
- a) have been trying
  - b) try
  - c) have tried
  - d) am trying

## PART 3: Cloze Passage

**Instructions:** Read the passage below and select the correct option (a, b, c, or d) for each blank space.

Lucas is a marine biologist. For the last five years, he (1) \_\_\_\_\_ marine life off the coast of Australia. Lately, his team (2) \_\_\_\_\_ on a project to protect local coral reefs. So far, they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ over 2,000 coral fragments into protected underwater nurseries. However, they (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their target for the season yet.

Today, Lucas is completely exhausted because he (5) \_\_\_\_\_ deep under water for more than four hours. His feet are sore and his skin is dry because he (6) \_\_\_\_\_ heavy diving gear all morning.

Despite the physical exhaustion, Lucas (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a deep love for the ocean since he was a young boy. During his career, he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ several scientific awards for his conservation efforts. Currently, his research team (9) \_\_\_\_\_ data to publish a new report. They (10) \_\_\_\_\_ underwater samples since 6:00 AM, and they hope to finish by evening.



**FIELD WORK ENDS. THE SEARCH CONTINUES.**  
BASED ON PART 4: CLOZE PASSAGE.

| Question | Option A             | Option B              | Option C     | Option D       |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1        | has been studying    | has studied           | is studying  | studied        |
| 2        | has been working     | have been working     | works        | worked         |
| 3        | plant                | have been planting    | Have planted | planted        |
| 4        | haven't reached      | haven't been reaching | didn't reach | don't reach    |
| 5        | has been diving      | has dived             | dives        | is diving      |
| 6        | Has worn             | has been wearing      | wears        | is wearing     |
| 7        | feels                | has been feeling      | has felt     | is feeling     |
| 8        | has win              | has been winning      | wins         | Has won        |
| 9        | has been analyzing   | has analyzed          | analyzes     | analyzed       |
| 10       | have been collecting | have collected        | collect      | are collecting |