
PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

The Present Perfect Progressive is used when a long action has started in the past and has just ended (usually recently) or is still continuing. There has to be a connection to the present. The verbs have to express a long period of time.

Key words: all day, how long, for, since

How to form the Present Perfect Progressive

I, you, we, they - **have been + ing form of the verb**

He, she, it - **has been + ing form of the verb**

Short forms

I've been reading. / They've been listening.

She's been dancing. / He's been watching.

Negation

I, you, we, they - **have not (haven't) been + ing form of the verb**

He, she, it - **has not (hasn't) been + ing form of the verb**

They haven't been working in the office all day.

Questions

Have they been helping you since this morning?

Have/Has - subject - been + ing form of the verb

How long has she **been working** at the office?

Question word - has/have - subject - been + ing form of the verb

Use of the Present Perfect Progressive

Examples:

I **have been working** all day.

She **has been watching** TV since 7.30.

Nick **has been lying** in bed for two days. - He is still in bed or has just got up.

She **has been working** since 4 o'clock. - She is still working, or she has just stopped working.

How long **have they been playing**?

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Put the following sentences into the present perfect progressive.

1. It _____ (rain) for hours.
 2. Mike _____ (collect) stamps since 1995.
 3. Bob _____ (play) tennis since he was seven.
 4. I _____ (wait) for the bus for 15 minutes.
 5. How long _____ your brother _____ (play) guitar?
 6. How long _____ (he play) golf?
 7. I _____ (work) for this company for seventeen years.
 8. How long _____ (it rain)?
 9. Mary _____ (study) German for two years.
 10. My grandparents _____ (live) in that house since 1962.
 11. My mother _____ (cook) for 3 hours.
 12. My sister _____ (drive) since 1972.
 13. Peter _____ (live) in India since last month.
 14. How long _____ (you work) in the garden?
 15. They _____ (lie) in the sun for hours.
 16. Why is he so tired? He _____ (play) football for two hours.
 17. How long _____ (you work) in the garden?
 18. Carol _____ (study) Spanish for four years.
 19. Frank and Bill _____ (travel) in Europe for about a month.
 20. Samuel _____ (wear) those jeans since Tuesday.
 21. How long _____ (you study) English?
 22. We _____ (wait) here for three hours.
 23. She _____ (watch) too much television lately.
 24. I _____ (read) for 3 hours.
 25. How long _____ (he wait) for us?
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