PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

We use the Present Perfect Continuous to talk about:

- actions which started in the past and continue into the present:
  *I **have been waiting** for her since 8 o'clock.*
- events which lasted for some time (and may continue into the present) and whose results can be seen now:
  *I'm tired because **I've been painting** all day.*

Like the Present Perfect Simple, common time expressions used with the Present Perfect Continuous include *for* and *since*.

Affirmative			Negative		
I/You/We/They	've (have)	been crying.	I/You/We/They	haven't (have not)	been crying.
He/She/It	's (has)		He/She/It	hasn't (has not)	

Yes / No questions			Short answers
Have	I/you/we/they	been crying?	Yes, I/you/we/they **have**. No, I/you/we/they **haven't**.
Has	he/she/it		Yes, he/she/it **has**. No, he/she/it **hasn't**.

Wh- questions				Subject questions			
How long	have	I/you/we/they	been crying?	Who	has	been	crying?
	has	he/she/it					

Present Perfect Continuous or Present Perfect Simple?

- We use the Present Perfect Continuous to focus on an action or process (which may or may not be complete). Questions in the Present Perfect Continuous often begin with *how long*:
  ***How long has** she **been writing** books?*
- We use the Present Perfect Simple to focus on an achievement or the result of an action. Questions in the Present Perfect Simple often begin with *how many*:
  ***How many** books **has** he **written**?*
- We don't use *when* in questions in either of the two tenses.
- State verbs are generally used in the Present Perfect Simple only.

1- Use the words to write sentences in the PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS. Add SINCE or FOR where necessary.

a- I / study / art / 2009 _____

b- How long / you / wear / your glasses? _____

c- you / swim / all afternoon? _____

d- it / rain / two hours now _____

e- we / not watch / the match _____

f- my parents / study / English / five years _____

g- how long / Joanna / work / in that café? _____

h- Amy / surf / the Internet / all day? _____

i- my sister / work / as a photographer / three years _____

j- Hannah and Eve / revise / for their exam / all evening? _____

2- Choose the correct options.

a- I've looked / been looking for you for an hour!

b- How many paintings have you sold / been selling?

c- We have travelled / been travelling for a couple of weeks now.

d- The profesor has answered / been answering more than 100 questions about the Louvre.

e- John has known / been knowing Cynthia since primary school.

f- I've seen / been seeing most of his paintings. They are all amazing!

g- How long have you waited / have you been waiting?

h- Have you written / been writing your essay all morning?

i- How many art galleries has Dan been visiting / visited today?

j- How long have you had / been having this painting by Van Gogh?

3- Put he verbs in Brackets in Present Perfect Simple OR Continuous (use contracted forms)

a- I _____ (not / eat) sweets since last weekend.

b- She _____ (not / see) John for at least a month.

c- We _____ (listen) to this band since my last birthday party.

d- I _____ (try) to talk to her since yesterday.

e- My mom _____ (do) yoga for more than a year.

f- I _____ (know) my best friend since I was ten.

g- I _____ (have) a cold for two days.

h- Mark _____ (learn) to play the piano since he was a small child.