

Present Perfect Simple or Continuous

A. Fill in the blanks with the verbs in the Present Perfect Simple or the Present Perfect Continuous

- In this month, we _____ (come) across several new challenges, preparing the school dance last Friday as being one of them.
- Some political leaders _____ (not find) any fault in abusing human rights so far.
- This book is really hard for me. I _____ (read) it for quite some time now and I really have to concentrate to understand the content.
- What's the time? We _____ (wait) for the bus for half an hour now. – Well, just look at the weather and road conditions. It _____ (snow) heavily since this morning.
- _____ you _____ (hear) about the book "Pigeon English"? – What? _____ you ever _____ (hear) a pigeon talk? – No, this is just an expression used when people from former British colonies speak English and they mix their own native language with English. – Oh, I see. No, I _____. Is it any good? – Yes, it is. I _____ just _____ (finish) reading it. The book _____ itself, _____ well _____ its author _____ (receive) several awards, The Man Booker Prize among them.
- Tom _____ (misplace) his mobile somewhere again and he _____ (bother) us with his problem the whole morning.
- The area _____ (devastate) by an earthquake.
- Look at that bird. It _____ (sit) motionlessly on that flowerpot on the window sill for _____ ten minutes now. It _____ (not move) a feather so far. – _____ Tom cat _____ (notice) it? –

- I _____ suppose _____ not, _____ because _____ he _____ (enjoy) _____ himself _____ in _____ the _____ sun _____ and _____ (sleep) all this time.
9. Several _____ mysterious _____ theft _____ cases _____ (happen) lately. The police _____ (search) in the dark all this time. During the investigation _____ they _____ (come) across several leads, but none of them _____ (be) the right one.
10. Where's Michael? – It's his birthday party tomorrow _____ and _____ he _____ (get) things ready for it. Olivia, his girlfriend, _____ (help) him too. So far, they _____ (decorate) the walls with some glow pictures. With the help of water balloons and rope, Olivia _____ (make) special ball ornaments, then she _____ (paint) them gold _____ and _____ Michael _____ (stick) them on Christmas lights. They look amazing. They _____ (do) quite a lot so far. The music equipment _____ (prepare), the disco ball _____ (hang) and so on. They _____ also _____ (rent) a really big jukebox from the sixties, but the music inside it is new, of course. The place itself _____ (change) from dull to amazing.
11. Several landslides _____ (strike) the area due to heavy rainfalls recently. Quite _____ a _____ few _____ families _____ (have) to be evacuated because of that.

B. Choose the correct Verb form and translate the sentences into your language.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have looked / have been looking at this handout for three hours now. 2. I have already looked / have already been looking at this handout three times. 3. I have eaten / have been eating 3 apples. 4. I have eaten / have been eating apples since lunchtime. 5. A lot of people have caught / have been catching flu. 6. He has lain / has been lying in bed with flu for 3 days. 7. He has read / has been reading this article for half an hour. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. He has read / has been reading that article twice already. 9. Have you met / Have you been meeting the new schoolmate? 10. Mike has talked / has been talking to him for the last ten minutes. 11. The MPs have discussed / have been discussing the minimal wages since 10. 12. The government has evaluated / has been evaluating several new laws. 13. They have filmed / have been filming this commercial since six today. 14. They have filmed / have been filming five scenes since six in the morning. |
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C. Mixed tenses. Match the pictures with actions, name the tenses and write +, -, ? sentences and short answers. Make sentences marked with an asterisk passive as well. Use your lovely notebooks.



Calvin and Hobbes

1



use other means of transport in the past*
Name the tense: _____

Spongebob

2



almost definitely make the world poor again in the future.*
Name the tense: _____

People

3



read a book for two hours now.
Name the tense: _____

Silly Milly

4



try to make his mum believe he (clean) his room yesterday afternoon.
Name the tense: _____

Politicians

5



run happily to school today
Name the tense: _____

A baby crock

6



order an extra cheesy pizza for lunch.*
Name the tense: _____

Andy

7



eat a lot of junk food every day.*
Name the tense: _____

Calvin and his dad

8



catch a little hedgehog any minute now.
Name the tense: _____