



GRAMMAR

THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

FORM

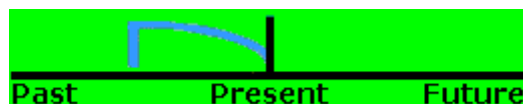
Have/ Has	been	Verb -ing
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- Affirmative = It has been raining for hours.
- Negative = I have not been working all day.
- Interrogative = Have you been waiting for a long time? Yes, I have/ No, I haven't.

Notice!

- I have been driving = I've been driving
- I have not been driving = I haven't been driving
- He has been sleeping = He's been sleeping
- He has not been sleeping = He hasn't been sleeping

USAGE



1) We use the present perfect continuous when we want to focus on the present result of an action which is unfinished and still in progress.

- It has been raining for hours.
- They have been watching TV for the last three hours.
- She has been studying at that school for two years.
- What have you been doing for the last 20 minutes?

2) It is also used without indication of duration. This use indicates an action that has occurred lately or recently.

- I have been feeling really tired recently.
- She has been smoking too much lately.

BE CAREFUL!

Present perfect continuous, present perfect simple and past simple

- With the **present perfect continuous**, we focus on the present result of an unfinished action:
 - She has been chatting during the whole meeting. (She is still chatting.)
- With the **present perfect simple**, we focus on the present result of a finished action:
 - I have just eaten. (I have finished eating.)
- With the **past simple**, we express a completed action that happened at a specific time in the past.
 - I paid for the tickets two days ago. (The tickets are already paid.)

WORKSHEET

1) Write sentences in present perfect simple.

1. They / play / football:
2. He / speak / English:
3. I / write / a poem:
4. We / not / wash / the car :
5. Nancy / not / meet / her friends:

2) Write questions in present perfect simple.

1. They / finish / their homework:
2. She / visit / her friend:
3. The maid / clean / the house:
4. He / drive / the van:
5. You / ever / write / a poem:

3) Put the verbs into the correct form (present perfect simple or past simple). Pay attention to the time expressions!

1. I (not/ work) today.
2. We (buy) a new car last week.
3. We (not / plan) our holiday yet.
4. She (not/ see) her mother for a long time.
5. He (write)..... a beautiful poem yesterday.

4) Put the verbs into the correct form (present perfect simple or continuous).

1. I think the waiter (forget) us. We (wait) here for over half an hour and nobody (take) our order yet.

2. I think you're right. He (walk)by us at least 20 times. He probably thinks we (order/ already)