

## Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

### Studying Form - Presentation

Start by teaching statement forms, and work your way up from there. From statements to yes/no questions, there is only inversion of the subject and have/has. From yes/no questions to information questions, there is only the addition of a question word.

### Present Perfect Statements

Subject	Have/Has	Past Participle
I / You / We / They	have	been, gone, heard, looked
He / She / It	has	seen, eaten, wanted, hit

### Present Perfect Continuous Statements

Subject	Have/Has	Been (past participle)	Present Participle (Verb + ing)
I / You / We / They	have	been	going, doing, seeing, eating, drinking, falling, walking, watching, etc.
He / She / It	has	been	

### Present Perfect Yes/No Questions

Have/Has	Subject	Past Participle
Have	I / you / we / they	been, gone, heard, looked
Has	he / she / it	seen, eaten, wanted, hit

### Present Perfect Continuous Yes/No Questions

Have/Has	Subject	Been (past participle)	Present Participle (Verb + ing)
Have	I / you / we / they	been	going, doing, seeing, eating, drinking, falling, walking, watching, etc.
Has	he / she / it	been	

### Present Perfect Information (Wh-) Questions

Question Word	Have/Has	Subject	Past Participle
Who Where What When Why How	have	I / you / we / they	been, gone, heard, looked
	has	he / she / it	seen, eaten, wanted, hit

### Present Perfect Continuous Information (Wh-) Questions

Question Word	Have/Has	Subject	Been (past participle)	Present Participle (Verb + ing)
Who Where What When Why How	have	I / you / we / they	been	going, doing, seeing, eating, drinking, falling, walking, watching, etc.
	has	he / she / it	been	

### Studying Form - Practice

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the **Present Perfect** form of the verb in parentheses.

- Sally \_\_\_\_\_ (win) four tennis championships this year.
- Phil \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) six cups of coffee today.
- Mallory \_\_\_\_\_ (have) three boyfriends already this month.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ Howie \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Chicago?
- Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for two different community colleges.
- Will \_\_\_\_\_ (like) Beth for five years.
- Callie \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) in ghosts since she had a strange experience when she was 17.
- Our friends \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married for almost two years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) alligator?
- Why \_\_\_\_\_ they never \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the United States?

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the **Present Perfect Continuous** form of the verb in parentheses.

- Sally \_\_\_\_\_ (win) tennis championships since she was 12.
- Phil \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee all morning.
- Mallory \_\_\_\_\_ (date) her current boyfriend for a week.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ Howie \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Chicago?

5. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for Trident Community College for seven months.
6. Will \_\_\_\_\_ (write) love letters to Beth for one year.
7. Callie \_\_\_\_\_ (communicate) with ghosts for the past several months.
8. Our friends \_\_\_\_\_ (fight) for almost two years.
9. Your breath smells like garlic. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) pizza?
10. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go) every night this week?

*Put the words in the following sentences in the correct order.*

1. have / I / five / today. / eaten / doughnuts
2. been / the violin / Lauren / since she was four. / has / playing
3. every day this week? / Why / late / you / arrived / have
4. Her eyes are red. she / crying? / Has / been
5. very hard / Alex / working / all week. / been / has
6. Patricia / six / had / jobs / in her life. / has
7. eight emails / answered / I / since 9:00 this morning. / have
8. writing emails / you / been / all morning? / Have
9. been / What / John / has / working on?
10. working / has / on the car. / John / been

### Analyzing Verb Tenses

*Look at each of the sentences in the Practice section. Answer the following questions:*

- Which kind of verb is used mostly to explain *how long*?
- What are some words/phrases used to indicate *how long*?
- Which kind of verb is used mostly to explain *how many*?
- Which verbs were never used in the Present Perfect Continuous tense? Why not?

*Answers:*

- *Present Perfect Continuous*
- *Since, for x years/months/weeks/hours/etc.,*
- *Present Perfect*
- *Stative verbs - be, have, believe, like. Stative verbs are not usually used in continuous tenses. Only active verbs are used in continuous tenses.*

### Choosing Your Weapon - Controlled Practice

*Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with either the **Present Perfect** or **Present Perfect Continuous** form of the verb in parentheses. When you're deciding which one to use, ask yourself:*

- *Is the verb active or stative? Active verbs can be used in either form. Stative verbs can only be used in Present Perfect, NOT in Present Perfect Continuous.*
- *Does the sentence explain how long or how many? Present Perfect verbs explain how many. Present Perfect Continuous verbs explain how long.*

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the car twice this month, but it's dirty again.
2. The twins \_\_\_\_\_ (play) nicely together all day.
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) all week? I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) you 15 times!

4. I'm sorry that I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) available. I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (work) on a difficult project, and I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) time to talk to anybody!
5. Zeke \_\_\_\_\_ (be) arrested several times, but he  
\_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to prison.

### Editing - Practice

*Find and correct the mistakes in the following sentences. If a sentence is correct, write "correct."*

1. Adam has been watching two movies today.
2. Corrie has been seen several falling stars in her life.
3. Stella have been listening to music all evening.
4. Victor has run two marathons.
5. Hank and Patricia has bought their first house.
6. Christina and Max have been painting the house all week.
7. Jasmine has writing a book of poetry.
8. Jasmine has writing poetry since high school.
9. It has rained all day.
10. Jeff and Felice have been loving each other for over 40 years.

### Producing Language

*Finish the following sentences:*

1. I have always wanted to...
2. I have never liked...
3. I have been ... a lot recently.
4. I haven't ... yet, but I want to.
5. I'm only \_\_\_\_\_ years old, and I have already...!
6. Recently, I have learned how to...
7. I have spoken to ... on the phone this week.
8. I have never...
9. I have always...
10. I haven't ... yet today, but I plan to.

*Write the questions that were asked before the answers given.*

1. Q:
2. A: She has been reading a book about dinosaurs.
3. Q:
4. A: They have eaten at twelve Mexican restaurants in town.
5. Q:
6. A: He has visited Rome at least five times.
7. Q:
8. A: We've been coming here on vacation for the last ten years.
9. Q:
10. A: I have only beaten my dad at basketball once.