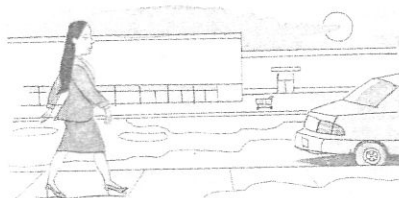


Present Perfect Continuous (*I have been doing*)

A

It has been raining. Study this example situation:



Is it raining?

No, but the ground is wet.

It has been raining.

Have/has been -ing is the *present perfect continuous*:

I/we/they/you	have (= I've, etc.)	been	doing
he/she/it	has (= he's, etc.)		waiting
			playing, etc.

We use the present perfect continuous for an activity that has recently stopped or just stopped. There is a connection with now:

- You're out of breath. **Have you been running?** (You're out of breath now.)
- Jason is very tired. **He's been working** very hard. (He's tired now.)
- Why are your clothes so dirty? **What have you been doing?**
- **I've been talking** to Amanda about the problem, and she agrees with me.

B

It has been raining for two hours. Study this example situation:



It is raining now. It began raining two hours ago.

How long has it **been raining?**

It **has been raining** for two hours.

We often use the present perfect continuous in this way, especially with **how long**, **for**, and **since**. The activity is still happening or has just stopped.

- **How long have you been studying** English? (You're still studying English.)
- Tim is still watching TV. **He's been watching** TV all day.
- Where have you been? **I've been looking** for you for the last half hour.
- Christopher **hasn't been feeling** well recently.

You can use the present perfect continuous for actions that are repeated over a period of time:

- Debbie is a very good tennis player. **She's been playing** since she was eight.
- Every morning they meet in the same cafe. **They've been going** there for years.

C

Compare I am doing (see Unit 1) and I have been doing:

I am doing
present continuous
|
now

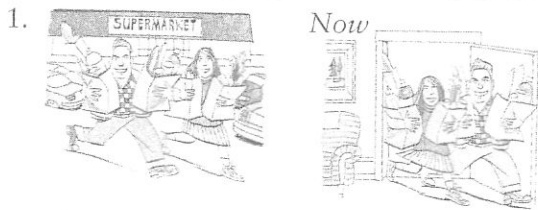
- Don't bother me now. I'm working.
- We need an umbrella. It's raining.
- Hurry up! We're waiting.

I have been doing
present perfect continuous
|
now

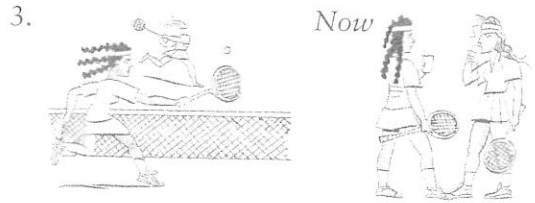
- I've been working hard, so now I'm going to take a break.
- The ground is wet. It's been raining.
- We've been waiting for an hour.

Exercises

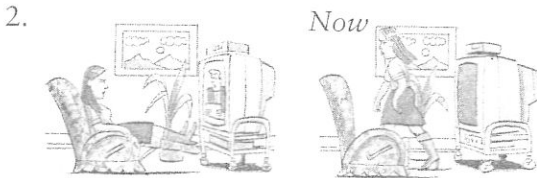
9.1 What have these people been doing or what has been happening?



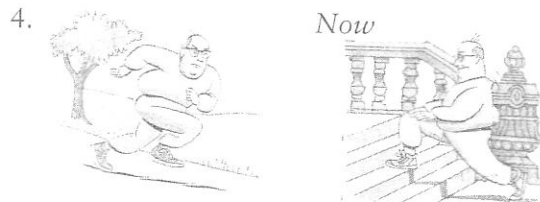
They have been shopping.



They _____.



She _____.



He _____.

9.2 Write a question for each situation.

- John looks sunburned. You ask: (you / sit in the sun?) Have you been sitting in the sun?
- You have just arrived to meet a friend who is waiting for you. You ask: (you / wait / long?) _____
- You meet a friend on the street. His face and hands are very dirty. You ask: (what / you / do?) _____
- A friend of yours is now living on Main Street. You want to know "How long . . . ?" You ask: (how long / you / live / on Main Street?) _____
- A friend tells you about her job – she sells computers. You want to know "How long . . . ?" You ask: (how long / you / sell / computers?) _____

9.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- The rain started two hours ago. It's still raining now.
It has been raining for two hours.
- We started waiting for the bus 20 minutes ago. We're still waiting now.
We _____ for 20 minutes.
- I started Spanish classes in December. I'm still studying Spanish now.
I _____ since December.
- Jessica started working in Tokyo on January 18th. She's still working there now.
_____ since January 18th.
- Years ago you started writing to a pen pal. You still write to each other regularly.
We _____ for years.

9.4 Put the verb into the present continuous (I am -ing) or present perfect continuous (I have been -ing).

- Maria has been studying (study) English for two years.
- Hello, Tom. I _____ (look) for you all morning. Where have you been?
- Why _____ (you / look) at me like that? Stop it!
- We always go to Florida in the winter. We _____ (go) there for years.
- I _____ (think) about what you said, and I've decided to take your advice.
- "Is Kim on vacation this week?" "No, she _____ (work)."
- Sarah is very tired. She _____ (work) very hard recently.

5. She started work
6. She didn't have (did not have)
7. She finished work
8. She was; she got
9. She made
10. She didn't go (did not go)
11. She went to bed
12. She slept

5.2

2. taught
3. sold
4. drank
5. won
6. fell; hurt
7. threw; caught
8. spent; bought; cost

5.3

2. Did you go alone?
3. Was the food good?
4. Did you stay at a hotel?
5. Did you rent a car?
6. Was the weather nice?
7. What did you do in the evenings?

5.4

3. didn't bother (did not bother)
4. went
5. didn't sleep (did not sleep)
6. wasn't (was not)
7. laughed
8. flew
9. didn't cost (did not cost)
10. didn't have (did not have)
11. were

UNIT 6

6.1

Sample answers:

3. I was working.
4. I was watching TV.
5. I was talking on the telephone.

6.2

Sample answers:

2. was taking a shower
3. were driving to work
4. was reading the paper
5. was watching it

6.3

1. didn't see (did not see)
was looking
2. met
were going
was going
talked

- were waiting *or* waited
3. was riding;
stepped;
was going;
managed;
didn't hit (did not hit)

6.4

2. were you doing
3. Did you go
4. were you driving; happened
5. took; wasn't looking (was not looking)
6. didn't know (did not know)
7. saw; was trying
8. was walking; heard; was following; started
9. wanted

UNIT 7

7.1

2. 's broken (has broken) her leg
3. Maria's English has improved.
4. Jason has grown a beard.
5. The bus fare has gone up.
6. has dropped
7. 's turned it on (has turned it on)

7.2

2. 've just seen (have just seen) *or* just saw
3. 's already left (has already left) *or* already left
4. haven't read (have not read) it yet *or* didn't read (did not read) it yet
5. 's already seen (has already seen) *or* already saw
6. 've just gotten (have just gotten) *or* just got
7. haven't told (have not told) him yet *or* didn't tell (did not tell) him yet

7.3

2. he's just gone out (he has just gone out) *or* he just went out
3. I haven't finished (have not finished) yet. *or* I didn't finish (did not finish) yet.
4. I've already done (I have already done) *or* I already did
5. Have you found a job yet *or* Did you find a job yet
6. she's just come back (she has just come back) *or* she just came back

7.4

3. RIGHT
4. happened
5. wasn't
6. RIGHT

7. Did you see
8. RIGHT
9. bought

UNIT 8

8.1

2. Have you ever been to Mexico?
3. Have you ever run a marathon?
4. Have you ever spoken to a famous person?
5. Have you always lived in this town?
6. 's (is) the most beautiful place you've ever visited (you have ever visited)

8.2

2. haven't seen (have not seen)
3. haven't eaten (have not eaten)
4. I haven't played (have not played)
5. I've had (I have had)
6. I've never read (I have never read) *or* I haven't read (have not read)
7. I've never been (I have never been) *or* I haven't been (have not been)
8. 's been (has been) late
9. it's happened (it has happened)
10. I've never seen (I have never seen) her *or* I haven't seen (have not seen) her

8.3

2. haven't read (have not read) one / a newspaper
3. this year it hasn't made (has not made) one / a profit
4. she hasn't worked (has not worked) hard [at school] this semester
5. it hasn't snowed (has not snowed) [a lot] this winter

8.4

2. you played tennis before; time I've played (I have played) tennis
3. Have you ridden a horse before?; No, this is the first time I've ridden (I have ridden) a horse.
4. Have you been in Los Angeles before? No, this is the first time I've been (I have been) in Los Angeles.

UNIT 9

9.1

2. 's been watching (has been watching) TV

- 've been playing (have been playing) tennis
- 's been running/jogging (has been running/jogging)

9.2

- Have you been waiting long?
- What have you been doing?
- How long have you been living on Main Street?
- How long have you been selling computers?

9.3

- 've been waiting (have been waiting) [for the bus]
- 've been studying (have been studying) Spanish
- She's been working (She has been working) there / in Tokyo
- 've been writing (have been writing) to each other

9.4

- 've been looking (have been looking)
- are you looking
- 've been going (have been going)
- 've been thinking (have been thinking)
- 's working (is working)
- 's been working (has been working)

UNIT 10

10.1

- 's been traveling (has been traveling) for three months; She's visited (She has visited) six countries so far.
- He's won (He has won) the national championship four times.; He's been playing (He has been playing) tennis since he was ten.
- 've made (have made) ten movies since they graduated from college; They've been making (They have been making) movies since they left college.

10.2

- How long have you been waiting?
- How many fish have you caught?
- How many people have you invited?
- How long have you been teaching?
- How many books have you written?; How long have you been writing books?

- How long have you been saving?; How much money have you saved?

10.3

- 's broken (has broken)
- Have you been working
- Have you ever worked
- 's appeared (has appeared)
- haven't been waiting (have not been waiting) long
- 's stopped (has stopped)
- 've lost (have lost); Have you seen
- 've been reading (have been reading); haven't finished (have not finished)
- 've read (have read)

UNIT 11

11.1

- have been married
- RIGHT
- It's been raining (It has been raining)
- have you been living *or* have you lived
- has been working *or* has worked
- RIGHT
- I haven't worked (have not worked)
- have you had

11.2

- How long have you been teaching English?
- How long have you known Carol?
- How long has your brother been in Australia?
- How long have you had that jacket?
- How long has Scott been working at the airport? *or* How long has Scott worked at the airport?
- How long have you been taking guitar lessons?
- Have you always lived in San Francisco?

11.3

- 's been (has been)
- 've been waiting (have been waiting)
- haven't played (have not played)
- 's been watching (has been watching)
- haven't been watching (have not been watching) *or* haven't watched (have not watched)

- 've had (have had)
- 've been feeling (have been feeling) *or* 've felt (have felt)
- 's been living (has been living) *or* 's lived (has lived)
- haven't gone (have not gone)
- 've always wanted (have always wanted)

UNIT 12

12.1

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 2. for | 6. since |
| 3. since | 7. since |
| 4. for | 8. for |
| 5. for | |

12.2

- How long has she been studying Japanese?
When did she start studying Japanese?
- How long have you known him?
When did you first meet him?
- How long have they been married?
When did they get married?

12.3

- been sick since Sunday
- been sick for a few days
- married two years ago
- had a camera for ten years
- to France three weeks ago
- been working in a hotel since June *or* worked in a hotel since June

12.4

- haven't eaten (have not eaten) in a restaurant for ages
- haven't seen (have not seen) her for about a month
- No, I haven't gone/been (have not gone/been) to the movies for a long time.
- been ages since I ate in a restaurant
- it's been (it has been) about a month since I saw her
- No, it's been (it has been) a long time since I went to the movies.

UNIT 13

13.1

- | | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| 3. RIGHT | 7. RIGHT |
| 4. were you | 8. was |
| 5. graduated | 9. wasn't (was not) |
| 6. RIGHT | 10. was this book |