



# **CHAPTER 4**

## **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE**

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# the Present Perfect Continuous Tense

also called:

the Present Perfect Progressive



# Meaning:

- The present perfect continuous is very similar in meaning to the present perfect tense.
- We use this grammar to talk about something that started in the past, but is still happening.
- But the present perfect continuous focuses more on the **continuous action**. The emphasis is on the **duration** of the action.

# Example:

It began raining two hours ago.

It is **STILL** raining now.

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

This is the present  
perfect continuous  
tense.





# Formula:

This grammar has 3 parts:

**HAS**  
or  
**HAVE** + **BEEN** + verb in  
-ING

# Negative Form:

Has + NOT been + Verb in -ing

Have +NOT been + Verb in -ing

John has not been living in L.A. for very long. (or hasn't been living)

We have not been exercising very much recently.

(or haven't been exercising)



# Interrogative Form :

Has/have + subject + been + verb in -ing

- Has she been sleeping since morning?
- Has he been waiting for them for several hours?
- Has it been raining heavily since the last night?

# More Examples:

Jane started to work in her garden at 8:00 this morning. Now it is 12:00.

She has been working in her garden for 4 hours!

Wow! She must be tired now!

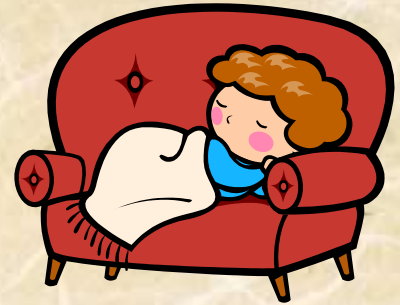




Where's Kelly?

She's sleeping.

She's been sleeping for a long time.



Sam and Paul are talking in the hallway. They have been talking since class ended.

Janice is at work.  
She works at a store.  
She **has been working**  
with customers all day.



Lupe and her husband are on their  
honeymoon. Right now, they are flying  
to Hawaii.



They **have been traveling**  
for 5 hours.



# Note

Since is used to describe uncertain time and for is used to describe the period of time.

# Example

- I have been studying **for** 3 hours.
- I have been watching TV **since** 7pm.
- Tara hasn't been feeling well **for** 2 weeks.
- Tara hasn't been visiting us **since** March.
- He has been living in Bangkok **since** he left school.



# Practice!

On your own paper, write an appropriate sentence using the present perfect continuous tense:

1. Lisa is studying. She began at 5:00 and now it's 9:00.
2. We are playing soccer. We started 2 hours ago, and we're not finished yet.
3. The dog is barking. He started 5 minutes ago.
4. My friends are using the computer right now. They started 30 minutes ago.

# Answers!

1. Lisa has been studying for 4 hours.  
She has been studying since 5:00.  
She's been studying for a long!
2. We have been playing soccer for 2 hours.  
We've been playing soccer for 2 hours.
3. The dog has been barking for 5 minutes.
4. My friends have been using the computer  
for 30 minutes.



# Present Perfect Continuous Tense Quiz

1. It has....snowing a lot this week
2. ...your brother and sister getting alone?
3. Rick....been studying hard this semester
4. I'm tired because...been working out
5. Julie...living in Italy since May
6. How long have you been...German
7. We have been watching TV...3 hours
8. You have...too hard today
9. Has it....raining since you arrived?
10. My brother has been travelling... He finished school

# **Answers!**

- 1. Been**
- 2. Have**
- 3. Has been**
- 4. Have**
- 5. Has been**
- 6. Living**
- 7. For**
- 8. Been working**
- 9. Been**
- 10. Since**