

# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

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### Usage :



**Form:** Subject + Have/Has + Been + -ing

**Function:**

to show the *duration* of an activity that began in the past and continues until the present time;

to talk about something that has been in progress recently or lately

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Read the following, putting the verbs into the Present Perfect Continuous form.

- I (live) ..... here since 1928.
- The cat (sit) ..... in front of the fire since tea-time.
- I (look) ..... at this picture for five minutes, but I can't see you in it.
- I'm afraid you (look) ..... at the wrong one.
- I know you (talk) ..... about grammar for the last half an hour, but I'm afraid I (not listen) .....
- ..... You ..... (wait) long for me?
- Yes! I (stand) ..... here in the rain for half an hour.
- He (learn) ..... English for three years, but he can't even read a newspaper yet.
- Nobody has come to see us since we (live) ..... in our new house.
- What you (do) ..... while I have been out? We (sit) ..... here writing our homework, but it's not quite finished yet.
- He (work) ..... In the post office for twenty years.
- Lunch is not quite ready yet, although I (cook) ..... all the morning.
- She ought to stop work; she has a headache because she (read) ..... too long.
- They are tired because they (work) ..... in the garden since nine o'clock.
- Look! that light (burn) ..... all night.

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