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## THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Subject + **have / has + been + verb (-ing) ...**

**I have been studying.**

She **has been working** all day.

They **haven't been cleaning** their house.

**Have you been sleeping?**

**Has she been crying?** Yes, she has.

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## THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

USES:

a) Unfinished action in the present.

**I've been waiting** here for two hours.

**It's been raining** since yesterday.

b) Present result of a past action.

I am sweating because **I've been running**.

His hands are dirty. He **has been working** in the garden.

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## THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Continuous tenses imply duration. Thus,

I have broken a vase.



I have been breaking a vase

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## THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Verbs of state (like, know, have, etc.) are not used in the continuous form.

How long have you had your computer?



How long have you been having your computer?

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## THE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- a) The simple form may refer to a completed action, whereas the continuous form doesn't make clear if the action is completed or not, just showing a durative action.

**I've written** a letter.

**I've been writing** a letter.

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## THE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

- b) With the simple form we can express a single action but with the continuous form we refer a to a repeated action.

**I've cut** myself.

**I've been cutting** wood.

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## Vocabulary: MEDIA

television	documentary
radio	news
press	talk show
newspaper	commercial
program	TV set
sitcom	headline
soap opera	magazine
series	article
movie	remote control

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## Vocabulary: MEDIA

Examples:

**I've been listening** to the news on the radio.

**They haven't been watching** that sitcom.

**Have you read** the headlines?

**Completar los espacios con la opción adecuada.**

**1 What's this? Somebody**

..... **a glass.**

- a. has been breaking
- b. has broken
- c. hasn't broken

**2 Look at this chocolate bar.**

**Who ..... it?**

- a. has been eating
- b. has eaten
- c. ate

**3 I ..... all day but I ..... your blue shirt yet.**

- a. have been ironing, haven't ironed
- b. have been ironing, haven't been ironing
- c. have ironed, haven't ironed



**4 How long ..... English?**

- a. has Mark learned
- b. has Mark learnt
- c. has Mark been learning

**5 She ..... that man for a long time.**

- a. 's been knowing
- b. 's known
- c. knew

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**EJERCICIOS**



### Elegir la oración correcta.

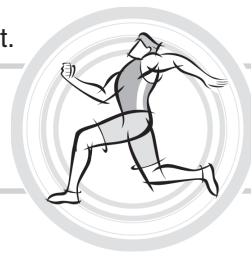
- 6 a. I've been reading this book but I already haven't finished it.  
b. I've read this book but I haven't finished it yet.  
c. I've been reading this book but I haven't finished it yet.

- 7 a. Why is she tired? Because she's been running.  
b. Why is she tired? Because she's studied.  
c. Why is she tired? Because she's been relaxing.

- 8 a. Has Herbert been writing his memories yet?  
b. Has Herbert already been writing his memories?  
c. Has Herbert written his memories yet?

- 9 a. My brother has never tasted that before.  
b. My brother has never been tasting that before.  
c. My bother has ever tasted that before.

- 10 a. Have you been cutting wood? Yes, I've been cutting two sticks.  
b. Have you been cutting wood? Yes, I've cut two sticks.  
c. Have you cut wood? Yes, I've been cutting two sticks.



**Soluciones:** 1.- b) has broken 2.- a) has been eating 3.- a) have been ironing, haven't ironed 4.- c) has Mark been learning 5.- b) 's known 6.- c) I've been reading this book but I haven't finished it yet. - 7.- a) Why is she tired? Because she's been running. 8.- c) Has Herbert written his memories yet? 9.- a) My brother has never tasted that before. 10.- b) Have you been cutting wood? Yes, I've cut two sticks.