



# Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous B1/B2+

## Exercise 1

### State vs Action

Use the Present Perfect of Present Perfect Continuous to fill in the correct answer.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) that book for two hours.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (run) for an hour.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) him since they were kids.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (be) tired all day.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of experience dealing with this problem.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the project since this morning.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (always believe) in you.
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the pool for two hours.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (never really understand) his motivation.
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ (belong) to the same club for years.

## Exercise 2

### Quantity vs Length

Use the Present Perfect of Present Perfect Continuous to fill in the correct answer.

1. The phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) all morning.
2. The phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) 3 times this morning.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) ten books this month.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) on the phone for an hour.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) six different countries in the last two years.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the test all day.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) five slices of pizza.
8. She \_\_\_\_\_ (dance) at the party for hours.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) English for several hours every weekend.
10. They \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to three new cities this year.



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## Exercise 3

### Finished vs unfinished

Use the Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous to fill in the correct answer.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) two novels this week.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) for hours.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the project for hours.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (already write) five pages of his essay.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) all day.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the exam all morning.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) three slices of pizza.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) the car for hours.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in the pool for the past hour.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) several countries in his lifetime.

## Exercise 4

### Evidence for longer actions vs short

Use the Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous to fill in the correct answer.

1. The garden is wet because it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) all morning.
2. They are cheering because he \_\_\_\_\_ (score) a goal.
3. He looks exhausted because he \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on the project for hours.
4. I need a plaster because I \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) my finger
5. The kids are laughing because they \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) a funny video.
6. The floor is dirty because the kids \_\_\_\_\_ (play) outside.
7. The cake is gone because someone \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) it all.
8. She's out of breath because she \_\_\_\_\_ (run) for an hour.
9. She has a headache because \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) enough sleep.
10. They are dancing because they \_\_\_\_\_ (just hear) their favourite song.



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## Exercise 5 Mixed

Use the Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous to fill in the correct answer.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (read) that book several times.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for you for half an hour.
3. I can go out now because I \_\_\_\_\_ (finished) my work.
4. I need a break, I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) all morning.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Spanish to go on his trip to South America
6. She \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on this project for hours.
7. They \_\_\_\_\_ (paint) the house for days now.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) two episodes of the series.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this city for ten years.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (always love) spicy food.



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## Answer Key

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1. She **has been reading/ 's been reading** (reading) that book for two hours.
2. She **has been running/ 's been running** (run) for an hour.
3. I **have known/ 've known** (know) him since they were kids.
4. They **have been/ 've been** (be) tired all day.
5. He **has had/ 's had** (have) a lot of experience dealing with this problem.
6. They **have been working/ 've been working** (work) on the project since this morning.
7. I **have always believed/ 've always believed** (always/ believer) in you.
8. We **have been swimming/ 've been swimming** (swim) in the pool for two hours.
9. I **have never really understood/ 've never really understood** (never/ really/ understand) his motivation.
10. They **have belonged/ 've belonged** (belong) to the same club for years.

### Exercise 2

1. The phone **has been ringing/ 's been ringing** (ring) all morning.
2. The phone **has rung/ 's rung** (ring) 3 times this morning.
3. She **has read/ 's read** (read) ten books this month.
4. They **have been talking/ 've been talking** (talk) on the phone for an hour.
5. He **has visited/ 've visited (visit) six** different countries in the last two years.
6. We **have been studying/ 've been studying** (study) for the test all day.
7. I **have eaten/ 've eaten** (eat) five slices of pizza.
8. She **has been dancing/ 's been dancing** (dance) at the party for hours.
9. I **have been studying/ 've been studying** (study) English for several hours every weekend.
10. They **have travelled/ 've travelled** (travel) to three new cities this year.



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## Answer Key

### Exercise 3

1. She **has read/s read** (read) two novels this week.
2. She **has been reading/s been reading** (read) for hours.
3. They **have been working/ve been working** (work) on the project for hours.
4. He **has already written/s already written** (already/write) five pages of his essay.
5. I **have been phoning/ve been phoning** (phone) all day.
6. We **have been studying/ve been studying** (study) for the exam all morning.
7. I **have eaten/ve eaten** (eat) three slices of pizza.
8. They **have been repairing/ve been repairing** (repair) the car for hours.
9. She **has been swimming/s been swimming** (swim) in the pool for the past hour.
10. He **has visited/ve visited** (visit) several countries in his lifetime.

### Exercise 4

1. The garden is wet because it **has been raining/s been raining** (rain) all morning.
2. They are cheering because he **has scored/s scored** (score) a goal.
3. He looks exhausted because he **has been working/s been working** (work) on the project for hours.
4. I need a plaster because I **have cut/ve cut** (cut) my finger
5. The kids are laughing because they **have been watching/ have watched/ 've been watching/ve watched** (watch) a funny video.
6. The floor is dirty because the kids **have been playing/ve been playing** (play) outside.
7. The cake is gone because someone **has eaten/s eaten** (eat) it all.
8. She's out of breath because she **has been running/s been running** (run) for an hour.
9. She has a headache because **she hasn't had/ has not had** (not have) enough sleep.
10. They are dancing because they **have just heard/ve just heard** (hear) their favourite song.



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## Answer Key

### Exercise 5

1. She **has read/'s read** (read) that book several times.
2. They **have been waiting/'ve been waiting** (wait) for you for half an hour.
3. I can go out now because I **have finished/'ve finished** (finish) my work.
4. I need a break, I **have been driving/ I've been driving** (drive) all morning.
5. He **has been learning/'s been learning** (learn) Spanish to go on his trip to South America
6. She **has been working/'s been working** (work) on this project for hours.
7. They **have been painting/'ve been painting** (paint) the house for days now.
8. I **have watched/'ve watched** (watch) two episodes of the series.
9. She **has been living/ has lived/ 's been living/'s lived** (live) in this city for ten years.
10. I **have always loved/'ve always loved** (always/love) spicy food.