

**PRESENT PERFECT
SIMPLE
VS
PRESENT PERFECT
CONTINUOUS**



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Present Perfect vs Present perfect continuous

Welcome

In this grammar presentation we will have a look at the **Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous**

We will have a look at:

- **The form: how to make the Present Perfect simple and continuous**
- **The meaning/usage: why use the Present Perfect simple or continuous**

For the pronunciation have a look at the individual tenses

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Present Perfect vs Present perfect continuous

Form

A: Have you ever been to Laos?

B: No, I haven't been to Laos, but **I have been** to Cambodia.

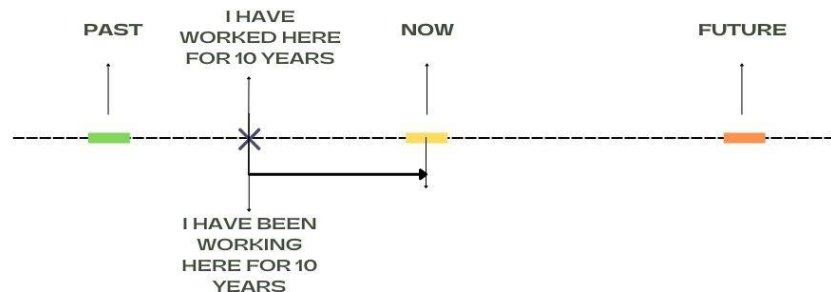
A: How long have you been waiting?

B: I haven't been waiting long. I have only been waiting for 5 minutes.

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage

TIME LINE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



WE USE PRESENT PERFECT OR THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TO TALK ABOUT AN UNFINISHED/ONGOING ACTION FROM THE PAST TILL NOW.

BOTH CAN BE USED AND MEAN THE SAME ESPECIALLY WITH VERBS LIKE: DO, WORK, LIVE STUDY

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage: to talk about unfinished/ ongoing action

Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous can be used for an unfinished ongoing action. Especially with verbs like: do, live, work, study

I have been living here for 10 years.

I have lived here for 10 years.

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage: to talk about unfinished/ ongoing state

Present Perfect NOT ~~Present Perfect Continuous~~ is used for an unfinished ongoing state.

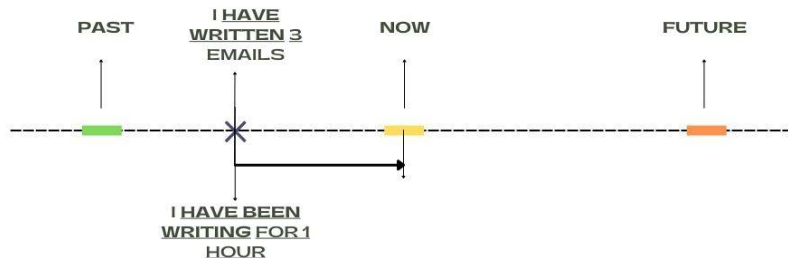
I **have known** my best friend here for almost 30 years.

~~I have been knowing~~ for almost 30 years.

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Meaning/ usage

TIME LINE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



WE USE PRESENT PERFECT TO FOCUS ON THE QUANTITY:
I HAVE WRITTEN 3 EMAILS TODAY.

WE USE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TO FOCUS ON THE
LENGTH/DURATION:
I HAVE BEEN WRITING ALL MORNING.

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage: How much vs How Long

Present Perfect to focus on the Quantity: how much/ how many

How many books has he written?

He **has written** 10 books.

Present Perfect Continuous to focus on the length/duration: how long

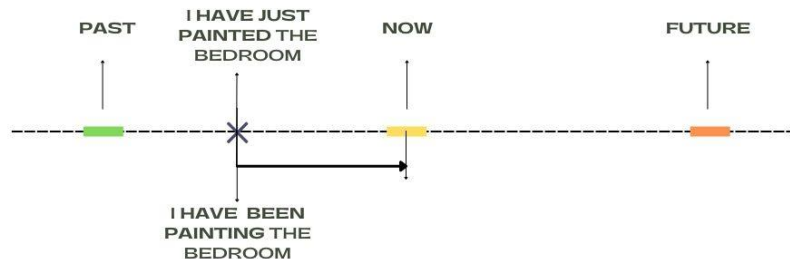
How long has he been writing?

He **has been writing** since he was 15.

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Meaning/ usage

TIME LINE PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



WE USE PRESENT PERFECT TO TALK ABOUT A RECENTLY FINISHED ACTION.

I HAVE JUST PAINTED THE BEDROOM, SO NOW I CAN RELAX

WE USE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TO TALK ABOUT A STILL ONGOING ACTION.

I HAVE BEEN PAINTING THE BEDROOM, BUT TAKING A SHORT BREAK NOW.

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage: finished vs unfinished

Present Perfect to focus on a finished action

I **have painted** the bedroom and can relax now

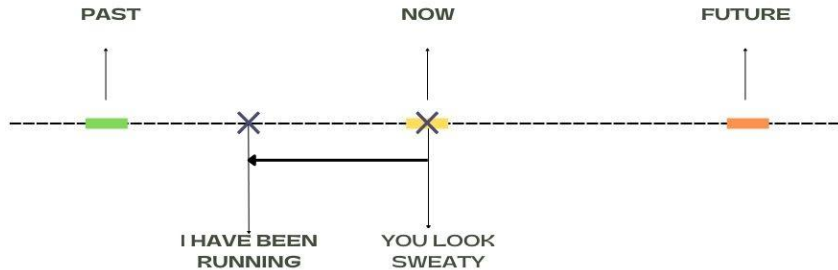
Present Perfect Continuous to focus on an ongoing action

I **have been painting** the bedroom for 3 hours and need a break.

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage

TIME LINE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



WE USE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TO TALK ABOUT PRESENT EVIDENCE FOR A LONGER ACTIVITY:

A: YOU LOOK ALL SWEATY.
B: YES, I HAVE BEEN RUNNING.

Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous

Meaning/ usage: evidence of a longer action

Present Perfect Continuous to talk about the evidence of a longer action.

A: You look dirty.

B: I **have been working** in the garden.

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Any questions

This was the Present Perfect VS Present Perfect Continuous.

If you have any questions and or comments, write them in the comments below and I will help you.

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