

# Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 1

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## Exercise 1

Tick the correct sentences. If a tense is not correct, underline it and write the correct form.

Example:

I have never been seeing a ghost.

have never seen

Look. The girl has been buying four dictionaries.

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I haven't eaten anything since I arrived.

.....

Let's stop for a while. You've driven all morning.

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Have you ever been sleeping in a tent?

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He's been sleeping too long. Wake him up!

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I'm sorry. How long have you been waiting?

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I've been meeting your sister several times.

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I've been knowing him since he was born.

.....

Help yourself. Mum has been making delicious toasts.

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He is sunburnt. He's been lying on the beach all day.

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I've gone to France for five years now.

.....

Don't give up. You haven't been trying this way yet.

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## Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 2

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### Exercise 2

*Complete the sentences with one of the options.*

I have been staying at this hotel .....  
for a long time  
a long time ago  
from May

My father has been going to work .....  
already  
since he left school  
daily

Have you told the manager ..... ?  
in time  
in the morning  
yet

We ..... had a radio so far.  
have never  
never  
never have

She hasn't been eating meat .....  
lately  
yet  
since a long time

I've bought it .....  
at the shop  
for you  
yesterday

The airline hasn't cancelled the flight .....  
already  
last time  
yet

..... have you been studying abroad?  
how many times  
how often  
how long

I've been trying to contact him .....  
before  
all day  
then

We've never been .....  
in Africa  
to Africa  
at Africa

## Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 3

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### Exercise 3

*Correct mistakes.*

I've been driving every car in our family and I do not like any of them.

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We've run so long and I'm not tired yet.

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Take this picture. I've been painting it for you.

.....

Isn't it ready yet? How long are you making it?

.....

I only heard from her twice since she left.

.....

He has never been staying here as far as I know.

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He didn't call me since we had the argument.

.....

Is that Sue? We've tried to contact her since we arrived.

.....

I haven't talked to Jill yet. I haven't been seeing her very often lately.

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He is a good teacher. - How long is he teaching?

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You are still working! - Yes, I've picked strawberries all afternoon.

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They are quite busy. They've rebuilt their house for more than a year.

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## Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 4

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### Exercise 4

Use the underlined words to make questions.

Sandra is a journalist. She publishes her interviews in American newspapers.

How long ..... she ..... her articles in the American newspapers?

My wife is learning Japanese.

..... she ..... Japanese before?

I met Cosby a few years ago. I know him.

How many years ..... you ..... him?

I haven't done this for such a long time!

What ..... you ..... instead of it all the time?

My hotel is quite prosperous. I run it myself.

How long ..... you ..... the hotel?

She wanted to borrow some money from me.

..... she ..... the money yet?

I have a camera. I can take a picture of you.

Good idea! ..... you ..... pictures for a long time?

It's 10 o'clock and he isn't here yet. I'm not going to wait for him any longer.

It's terrible. How long ..... you ..... for him?

## Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 5

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### Exercise 5

Use the words in brackets to complete these sentences.

#### (mend)

We can go home. We ..... three cars today.

We ..... cars since the morning and we aren't finished.

#### (make)

She ..... puddings all day. She's pretty tired.

How many puddings ..... she .....

#### (look for)

I ..... my keys since we came home. Where are they?!

I ..... my keys several times. But I haven't found them.

#### (do)

Sam is so angry with you. What ..... you ..... to him?

You are so dirty! What ..... you .....

#### (not work)

Joy ..... on this computer yet.

Joy ..... on the computer these days. It is broken.

#### (have)

How many years ..... he ..... this car?

How long ..... he ..... the shower? I badly need the bathroom.

#### (not sleep)

I'm shattered. I ..... well lately.

Is the new bed comfortable? I ..... on it so far.

## Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 6

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### Exercise 6

*When Mr. Jones comes back home, he finds his son Tom sitting on the stairs in front of their house. Complete their conversation.*

Tom: Where ..... so long, Dad? (be)

Dad: I ..... late today. (work) What's the matter?

Tom: I ..... my keys, I'm afraid. (lose)

Dad: Do you mean that? You ..... your keys since you were born.

How long ..... you ..... here? (lose, wait)

Tom: For two hours.

Dad: And what ..... you ..... all that time? (do)

Tom: Nothing, really.

Dad: Are you sure that you ..... the keys? (lose)

Tom: Yes, I am.

Dad: ..... you ..... your bag? (try)

Tom: My bag? I don't think ... Oh no, my keys!

Dad: Oh, dear. You ..... here all afternoon doing nothing

and you ..... into your bag! (sit, not even look)

# Present perfect simple and continuous: exercise 7

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## Exercise 7

Complete the following lines with one of the options.

Paul has gone .....

Paul has been going .....

out with Charlene for a couple of months.  
to Paris for a few days.

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What have you been doing? .....

What have you done? .....

Your face is so red.  
Have you called him?

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I've typed .....

I've been typing .....

three letters since you came home.  
letters since you came home.

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How long .....

How many times .....

have you been trying to contact me?  
have you tried to contact me?

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Someone has eaten our toasts. ....

Someone has been eating our toasts. ....

There is only one toast left.  
They are all gone.

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We have visited England .....

We have been visiting England .....

six times.  
for six years.

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Why is the table in such a mess? .....

Have something to eat. Here you are. ....

I've been making a salad.  
I've made a salad.

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