



PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

1. Rewrite the sentences using Present Perfect Simple or Continuous, eg.

She started learning Italian two years ago and she still learns it. → She has been learning Italian for two years.

1. I started waiting for the bus 30 minutes ago and I'm still waiting.
2. He started working on that project this morning and he still hasn't finished it.
3. We're friends since childhood.
4. I wrote five emails today.
5. She started crying an hour ago and still hasn't stopped.
6. They started building the house in May and it's still not finished.
7. I started feeling unwell recently.
8. I cleaned the bathroom. It's sparkling now.
9. He worked hard this week.
10. She called me three times today.

2. Choose the correct option: Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

1. She **has painted / has been painting** the kitchen, and now it looks great.
2. I **have tried / have been trying** to fix the printer, but it still doesn't work.
3. We **have worked / have been working** here since April.
4. I **have lost / have been losing** my keys – I can't find them anywhere.
5. He **has been cooking / has cooked** dinner for the past hour.
6. I **have cleaned / have been cleaning** the house all morning, and I'm exhausted.
7. They **have just arrived / have just been arriving** at the airport.
8. You **have been playing / have played** video games for three hours!
9. I **have never seen / have never been seeing** such a beautiful view.
10. She **has written / has been writing** five emails this morning.

3. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets - Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous.

1. I _____ (read) this book all morning and I still haven't finished it.
2. She _____ (not eat) anything since breakfast.
3. We _____ (wait) for over an hour – where have you been?
4. My brother _____ (live) in Canada for three years.
5. How long _____ you _____ (study) Spanish?
6. I _____ (just/finish) the report – do you want to read it?
7. He's tired because he _____ (work) in the garden all day.
8. They _____ (not clean) the windows yet.
9. Look at your hands! What _____ you _____ (do)?
10. I _____ (know) her since we were children.

4. Fill in the blanks with Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

1. I _____ (work) here since January.
2. She _____ (not answer) my emails this week.
3. He _____ (study) for his exams all day.
4. How long _____ they _____ (wait) for us?
5. We _____ (know) them for a long time.
6. You look tired. What _____ you _____ (do)?
7. I _____ (already/see) that movie twice.
8. My parents _____ (travel) around Europe for the last two weeks.
9. It _____ (rain) for hours – everything is wet.
10. Someone _____ (take) my phone – it's gone!



ANSWER KEY:

1.
 1. I have been waiting for the bus for 30 minutes.
 2. He has been working on that project since this morning.
 3. We have been friends since childhood.
 4. I have written five emails today.
 5. She has been crying for an hour.
 6. They have been building the house since May.
 7. I have been feeling unwell recently.
 8. I have cleaned the bathroom.
 9. He has worked hard this week.
 10. She has called me three times today.
2.
 1. has painted
 2. have been trying
 3. have been working
 4. have lost
 5. has been cooking
 6. have been cleaning
 7. have just arrived
 8. have been playing
 9. have never seen
3.
 1. have been reading
 2. hasn't eaten
 3. have been waiting
 4. has been living / has lived
 5. have you been studying
 6. have just finished
 7. has been working
 8. haven't cleaned
 9. have you been doing
 10. have known
4.
 1. have been working
 2. hasn't answered
 3. has been studying
 4. have they been waiting
 5. have known
 6. have you been doing
 7. have already seen
 8. have been travelling
 9. has been raining
 10. has taken