

# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

The English language is a flexible and dynamic tool for communication that enables us to convey various ideas and notions. The present perfect continuous tense is one element of English grammar that adds flow and depth to our language. We will go into the nuances of the present perfect continuous tense in this blog, discussing its definition, construction, usage, and common errors to avoid.

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**Q1: What is the present perfect continuous tense in the sentence:  
How long has she been waiting for the bus?**

- A: has
  - B: have
  - C: has been
  - D: have been
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**Q2: What is the present perfect continuous tense in the  
sentence:Have they been playing soccer all day?**

- A: Has
  - B: Have
  - C: Have been
  - D: Has been
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**Q3: What is the present perfect continuous tense in the sentence:Has  
he been learning French for a year?**

- A: Has
  - B: Have
  - C: Have been
  - D: Has been
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**Q4: What does the present perfect continuous tense emphasize?**

- A: The ongoing nature and duration of an action
  - B: The frequency of an action
  - C: The past occurrence of an action
  - D: The completion or result of an action
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**Q5: Which time expression indicates the starting point of an ongoing  
action in the present perfect continuous tense?**

- A: Already
  - B: Today
  - C: Since
  - D: For
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**Q6: How do you form a negative sentence in the present perfect continuous tense?**

- A: Change the verb to past tense
  - B: Remove the auxiliary verb
  - C: Add 'not' after the auxiliary verb
  - D: Invert the subject and auxiliary verb
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**Q7: Which tense emphasizes the outcome or state resulting from an action?**

- A: Future perfect tense
  - B: Present perfect tense
  - C: Past continuous tense
  - D: Simple past tense
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**Q8: What happens to the verb 'go' in the present participle form in the present perfect continuous tense?**

- A: 'Goes'
  - B: 'Going'
  - C: 'Gone'
  - D: 'Went'
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**Q9: What is a common mistake to avoid when using the present perfect continuous tense?**

- A: Not using adverbs of time
  - B: Neglecting subject-verb agreement
  - C: Mixing verb tenses
  - D: Using time expressions incorrectly
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**Q10: \_\_\_\_\_ you been studying for the exam?**

- A: Have
  - B: Has
  - C: Have been
  - D: Has been
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## Answers

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**Q1:** C - has been

**Q2:** C - Have been

**Q3:** D - Has been

**Q4:** A - The ongoing nature and duration of an action

**Q5:** C - Since

**Q6:** C - Add 'not' after the auxiliary verb

**Q7:** B - Present perfect tense

**Q8:** B - 'Going'

**Q9:** C - Mixing verb tenses

**Q10:** A - Have