

# Present Perfect Continuous

Use the **Present Perfect Continuous** for an activity that started in the past and is still going on, or has just stopped and left a visible result: *I've been waiting for an hour. You're out of breath: have you been running?* Form: **have / has been + -ing**.

I **have been learning** English for two years.



## 1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ for you since 6 o'clock!  
a) am waiting    b) have been waiting
2. She's tired because she \_\_\_\_\_ all day.  
a) has been working    b) works
3. How long \_\_\_\_\_ here?  
a) do you live    b) have you been living
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ three emails this morning.  
a) have written    b) have been writing
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ him for ten years.  
a) have been knowing    b) have known

## 2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I am waiting here for an hour.

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2. I've been knowing her for years.

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3. How long are you learning English?

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## 3. Your turn

Write three sentences about your own life in the **Present Perfect Continuous**. Use one of these words in each.

for

since

all day

all morning

lately

recently

How long...?

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### See the rule move

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## 1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) have been waiting** Since 6 o'clock links a past start to now.
2. **a) has been working** A recent activity with a result you can see now.
3. **b) have you been living** How long...? up to now takes the perfect (continuous).
4. **a) have written** A finished number of things (three emails) takes the Present Perfect simple.
5. **b) have known** Know is a state verb, so it isn't used in the continuous.

## 2. Correct the mistake

1. **I've been waiting here for an hour.** For + a length of time up to now needs the perfect: have been + -ing.
2. **I've known her for years.** Know is a state verb, so use the Present Perfect, not the continuous.
3. **How long have you been learning English?** How long...? up to now needs the perfect continuous.

## 3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.