

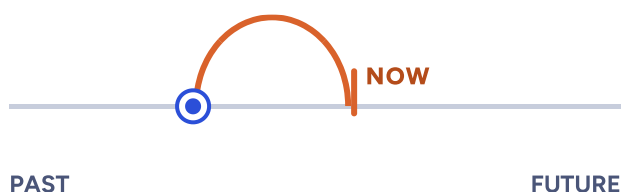
Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

Use the **Present Perfect** for the result or how much is done: *I've read 50 pages.* Use the **Present Perfect Continuous** for the activity and how long it's been going on: *I've been reading for two hours.*

PRESENT PERFECT · RESULT, HOW MUCH

I've read 50 pages.

50 pages done



PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS · ACTIVITY, HOW LONG

I've been reading for two hours.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- I _____ this book for weeks, and I'm still on chapter 3.
a) have read b) have been reading
- She _____ four cups of coffee today.
a) has drunk b) has been drinking
- Why are you so dirty? — I _____ in the garden.
a) have worked b) have been working
- We _____ each other since school.
a) have been knowing b) have known
- How many countries _____?
a) have you visited b) have you been visiting

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I've been writing three reports today.

2. I've been knowing him since 2010.

3. How long have you read this book?

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **Present Perfect** and one with **Present Perfect Continuous**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/present-perfect-vs-present-perfect-continuous

Present Perfect vs Present Perfect Continuous

1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) have been reading** The activity is still going on, and the focus is how long.
2. **a) has drunk** How many (four cups) takes the Present Perfect simple.
3. **b) have been working** A recent activity with a visible result now.
4. **b) have known** Know is a state verb, so use the Present Perfect simple.
5. **a) have you visited** How many asks about a number, so it takes the simple form.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I've written three reports today.** A number of finished things takes the Present Perfect simple.
2. **I've known him since 2010.** Know is a state verb, so it isn't used in the continuous.
3. **How long have you been reading this book?** How long...? about an activity that's still going on takes the 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.