

Error Correction

Below are 10 sentences that are all written incorrectly. Read each incorrect sentence, then explain why this sentence is incorrect and write the full, correct sentence.

1. I have been needing you all day.

EXPLANATION



I have needed you all day.

CORRECTION

Need is a stative verb so requires the present perfect tense.

2. How long have you studied English?



EXPLANATION



How long is a keyword that requires the present perfect continuous tense.

CORRECTION



How long have you been studying English?

3. I've been working here for 2001.

EXPLANATION



Specific dates require the keyword since.

CORRECTION



I've been working here since 2001.

4. What have you done all day?

EXPLANATION



All is a keyword that requires the present perfect continuous tense.

CORRECTION



What have you been doing all day?

5. He has been knowing me for many years now.

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Know is a stative verb and stative verbs must be used in the present perfect tense.

CORRECTION



He has known me for many years now.

6. I have since last week improved my English.

EXPLANATION



The keyword since is a flexible keyword that must go at the beginning or end of the sentence only.

CORRECTION



I have improved my English since last week. Since last week, I have improved my English.

7. We have already been starting the film.

EXPLANATION



The keyword already requires the present perfect continuous tense and the action has finished.

CORRECTION



We have already started the film.

8. Shakespeare has been writing numerous plays.

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



This action is finished as Shakespeare is dead, so requires the present perfect tense.

Shakespeare has written numerous plays.

9. I have visited our local swimming pool every day for a year.

EXPLANATION



Regular activities require the present perfect continuous tense (every day for a year).

CORRECTION



I have been visiting our local swimming pool every day for a year.

10. He has been loving me for many years.

EXPLANATION



CORRECTION



Love is a stative verb and stative verbs must be used in the present perfect tense.

He has loved me for many years.