



Present Simple v Present Continuous Common Mistakes

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Let's take a look at the typical mistakes that English learners make in the past simple and present perfect tenses.

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I have received the letter on
Monday

When we use a specific past time phrase that is finished, we must use the past simple tense.

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I received the letter on
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When have you read that book?

Questions about a specific past time also require the past simple tense.

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When did you read that
book?



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I worked here since 2001

Since tends to be used with the present perfect tense. This sentence refers to a time that is unfinished, the person continues to work here, so this requires the present perfect.

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I have worked here since
2001

