



Present Perfect v Present Perfect Continuous



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AFFIRMATIVE

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| I You He She It We They | I You He She It We They |

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AFFIRMATIVE

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| I have walked You have walked He has walked She has walked It has walked We have walked They have walked | I have been walking You have been walking He has been walking She has been walking It has been walking We have been walking They have been walking |

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NEGATIVE

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| I You He She It We They | I You He She It We They |

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NEGATIVE

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| I haven't walked You haven't walked He hasn't walked She hasn't walked It hasn't walked We haven't walked They haven't walked | I haven't been walking You haven't been walking He hasn't been walking She hasn't been walking It hasn't been walking We haven't been walking They haven't been walking |

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QUESTIONS

| Present Perfect | Present Perfect Continuous |
|---|---|
| Have I walked? Have you walked? Has he walked? Has she walked? Has it walked? Have we walked? Have they walked? | Have I been walking? Have you been walking? Has he been walking? Has she been walking? Has it been walking? Have we been walking? Have they been walking? |

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QUESTIONS

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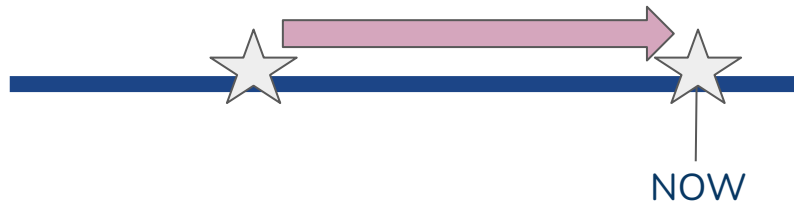
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SHORT RESPONSES

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Present Perfect Tense



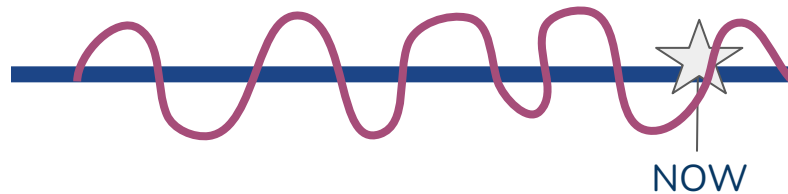
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The present perfect tense has six uses.

| Present Simple Use | Example Sentences |
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| Life experience (no time) | <i>I have visited France before</i> |
| Recent past events | <i>We've just arrived home</i> |
| Change in state | <i>I have improved my English</i> |
| Past events impact present | <i>I've lost my wallet and I need it now</i> |
| Unfinished duration of time | <i>I haven't been to the cinema this year</i> |
| Stative verbs | <i>I have known her for a long time</i> |

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Present Perfect Continuous Tense



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The present perfect continuous has three main uses.

| Present Perfect Continuous Use | Example Sentences |
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| Unfinished duration | <i>I've been learning English for 10 years</i> |
| Past impacts present | <i>It's been raining all morning and it's flooded my garden</i> |
| Temporary situation | <i>I've been watching the news a lot recently</i> |

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What is the difference in meaning?

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We assume the event has already finished when we use the present perfect tense.



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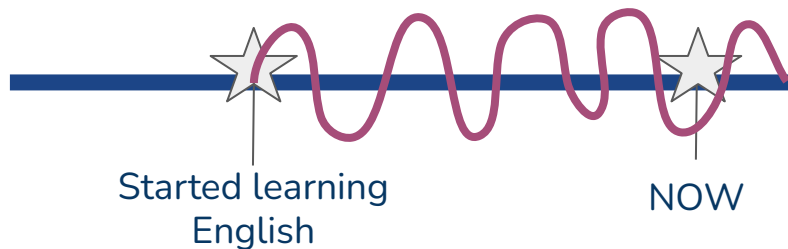
The focus is on the end result (learnt English).



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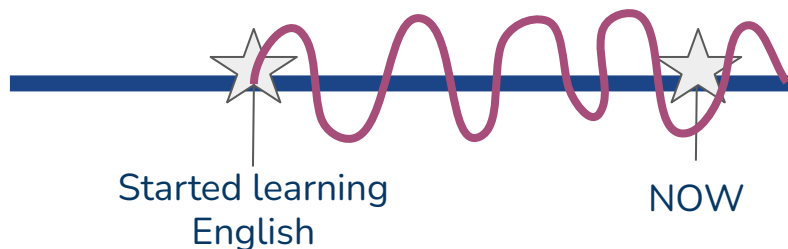
We assume the event has not yet finished and will continue into the future with the present perfect continuous tense.



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The focus is on the time phrase, the duration of the event (10 years).



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Here is an alternative example



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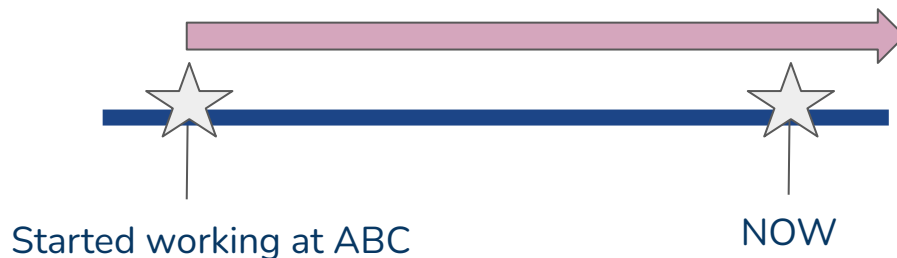
What is the difference in meaning?

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| I've worked at ABC most of my life | I've been working at ABC recently |

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The present perfect is used to talk about a long-term event for a long period of time.



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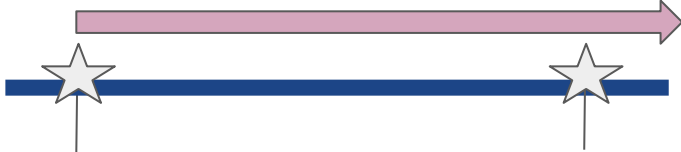

| Present Perfect | Present Perfect Continuous |
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| I've worked at ABC most of my life | I've been working at ABC <u>recently</u> |

The present perfect continuous is used for a temporary action that is going to finish soon.



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Here is an alternative example

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| <p data-bbox="156 623 877 658">We've lived at my mum's house for a while</p>  <p data-bbox="92 874 498 909">Started living with mum</p> <p data-bbox="736 869 832 904">NOW</p> | <p data-bbox="1039 623 1792 702">We've been living at my mum's house whilst they're renovating our house.</p>  <p data-bbox="1302 907 1707 942">Started living with mum</p> <p data-bbox="1599 863 1696 898">NOW</p> |

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What is the difference in meaning?

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| I've used the swimming pool a few times since we moved here | I've been using the swimming pool regularly since we moved here |

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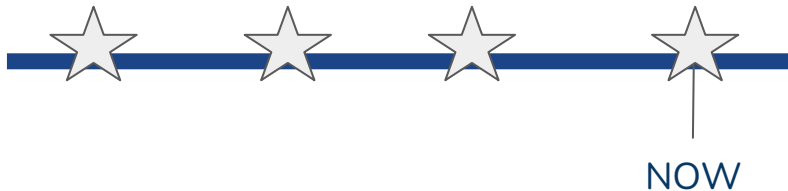
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I've used the swimming pool a few times since we moved here

Present Perfect Continuous

I've been using the swimming pool regularly since we moved here

With the present perfect, we know the event doesn't happen regularly.



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I've used the swimming pool a few times since we moved here

Present Perfect Continuous

I've been using the swimming pool regularly since we moved here

With the present perfect, we know the event happens quite regularly.



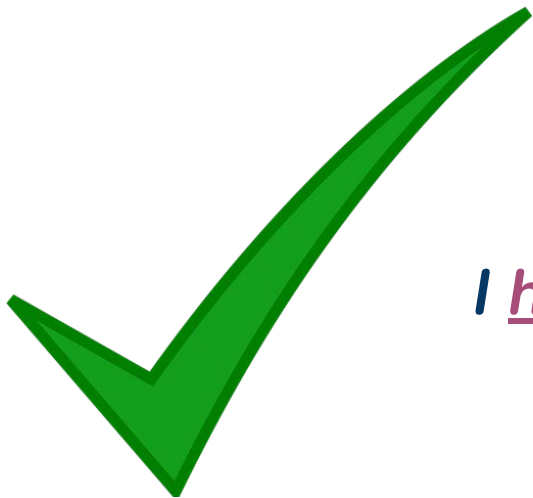
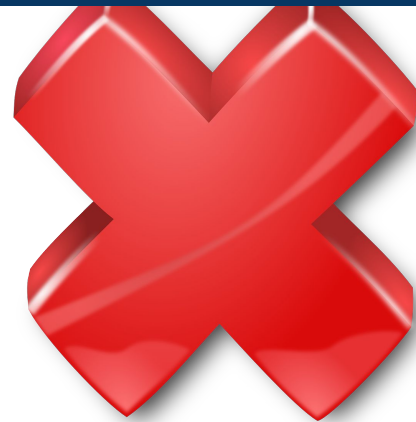
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Here is an alternative example with the same difference.

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| <p data-bbox="241 620 788 658">I've visited my grandma recently</p>  <p data-bbox="739 860 836 893">NOW</p> | <p data-bbox="1089 620 1740 658">I've been visiting my grandma recently</p>  <p data-bbox="1663 860 1760 893">NOW</p> |

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I have been knowing her for a long time



I have known her for a long time

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| Just Already Never Ever Recently So far Recently Lately Up to now Since For In the last few Before Yet Still | All How long Since For Recently Lately Only The whole |



Practice 1

Correct the following sentences.

I have been needing you all day.

I have been needing you all day.



I have needed you all day.

How long have you studied English?

How long have you studied English?



How long have you been
studying English?

I've been working here for 2001.

I've been working here for 2001.



I've been working here since
2001.

What have you done all day?

What have you done all day?



What have you been doing all day?

He has been knowing me for many
years now.

He has been knowing me for many
years now.



He has known me for many
years now.

I have since last week improved my
English.

I have since last week improved my
English.



I have improved my English
since last week.

We have already been starting the film.

We have already been starting the film.



We have already started the film.

Shakespeare has been writing numerous plays.

Shakespeare has been writing numerous plays.



Shakespeare has written numerous plays.

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

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



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

He has been loving me for many years.

He has been loving me for many years.



He has loved me for many years.

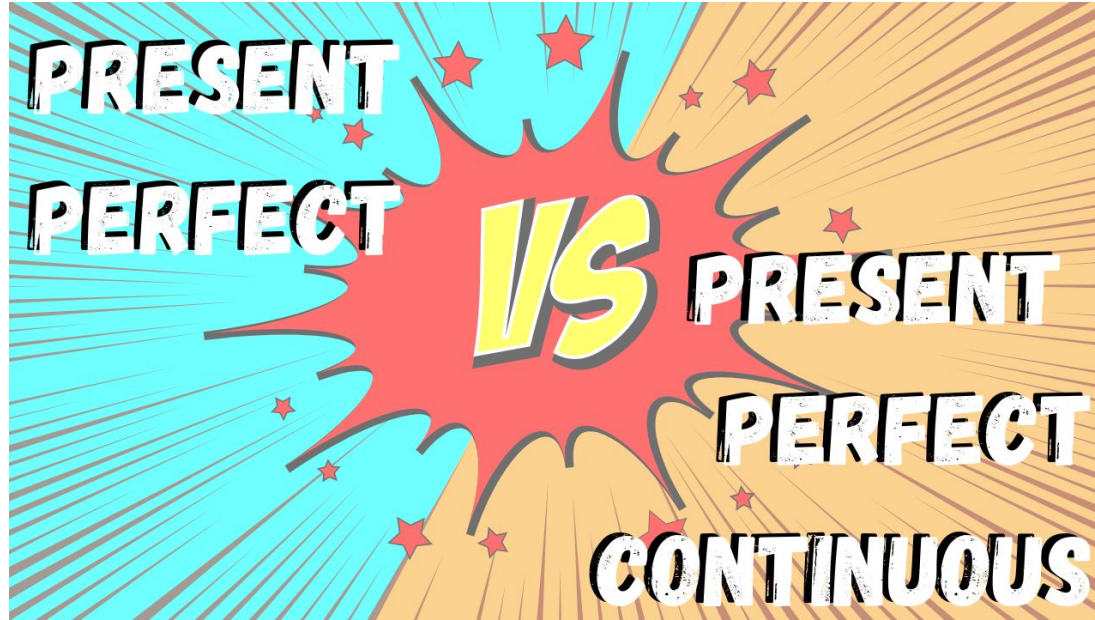


Practice 2

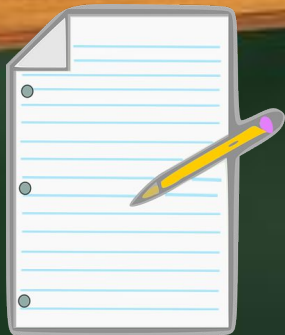
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REVIEW



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