

What is Present Perfect Continuous?

Worksheet

Present perfect continuous = have/has + been + verb-ing (e.g., 'I have been working for 3 hours'). It shows an action that started in the past and continues now, emphasizing duration and process.

have/has + been + verb-ing

have/has = Auxiliary verb (I/you/we/they have; he/she/it has)

been = Past participle of 'be'

verb-ing = Present participle (working, studying, running)

Questions

1. Which is the correct present perfect continuous?

- A) He has been worked
- B) He is been working
- C) He has been working
- D) He has working

2. Present perfect continuous emphasizes...

- A) How many times an action happened
- B) How long an action has been happening
- C) When an action will happen
- D) If an action is complete

3. Which sentence is correct?

- A) I've been working since 8 hours
- B) I've been working for 8 hours
- C) I've been working since this morning
- D) Both B and C

4. What's the difference: 'I've worked' vs 'I've been working'?

- A) No difference
- B) 'I've worked' = emphasis on result, 'I've been working' = emphasis on duration
- C) 'I've been working' is wrong
- D) They mean the opposite

5. Convert to present perfect continuous: 'He started working at 2 PM and it's 5 PM now.'

6. Write present perfect continuous: 'I started learning English 2 years ago and I'm still learning.'

7. Create a sentence showing an action that started in the past and continues now with focus on duration.

8. Define: What is present perfect continuous?

9. Define: Present perfect continuous vs present perfect simple?

10. Define: When do you use present perfect continuous?

Answer Key

1. C) He has been working — Structure: have/has + been + verb-ing. 'He has been working' is correct (not 'has been worked' or 'has working').
2. B) How long an action has been happening — Continuous form emphasizes duration and process: 'I've been working for 3 hours' (focus on time period).
3. D) Both B and C — 'For' + duration ('for 8 hours'), 'since' + time ('since this morning'). Both are correct with present perfect continuous.
4. B) 'I've worked' = emphasis on result, 'I've been working' = emphasis on duration — 'I've worked' = focus on completion/result. 'I've been working for 3 hours' = focus on the ongoing process and duration.
5. Subject = he Auxiliary = has Been = been Verb-ing = working Sentence: 'He has been working for 3 hours.' Focus = how long (duration), not how many times
6. Subject = I Auxiliary = have Been = been Verb-ing = learning Sentence: 'I have been learning English for 2 years.' Meaning: Emphasizes the duration of the ongoing learning
7. Choose an action: play tennis, study, read Subject: they Sentence: 'They have been playing tennis since this morning.' Meaning: Started earlier, still playing now, duration matters
8. have/has + been + verb-ing. Shows an action that started in the past and continues now, emphasizing duration: 'I have been working for 3 hours.'
9. Continuous = duration/process ('I've been working for 3 hours'). Simple = result ('I've finished my work').
10. For actions that started in the past and continue now with focus on 'how long': 'She's been studying since morning.'

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