

Present Perfect Continuous

have/has been + -ing

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

PPC = have/has been + -ing. Use for ongoing activities up to now, especially with visible results.

1 Choose the correct PPC form

EASY

Choose the correct PPC form.

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| <p>1. She ____ all morning and looks exhausted.</p> <p>3. They ____ since 9am, so they need a break.</p> <p>5. How long ____ you ____ English?</p> <p>7. She _____. Her eyes are red.</p> <p>9. It ____ all week, garden is flooded.</p> | <p>2. I ____ here for two hours. Where were you?</p> <p>4. He looks tired. He ____ all night.</p> <p>6. We ____ about this for weeks.</p> <p>8. I ____ well lately, maybe getting sick.</p> <p>10. ____ he ____ long? His coffee is cold.</p> |
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2 Write the PPC form

MEDIUM

Write have/has been + -ing.

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| <p>1. She (work) ____ on this project for months.</p> <p>3. He (not/sleep) ____ well lately.</p> <p>5. How long (you/study) ____ English?</p> <p>7. She (learn) ____ to drive (lesson this morning).</p> <p>9. We (look) ____ for a flat for months.</p> | <p>2. I (wait) ____ for you for over an hour!</p> <p>4. They (argue) ____ all evening.</p> <p>6. It (rain) ____ since yesterday morning.</p> <p>8. I (think) ____ about your offer all week.</p> <p>10. (he/exercise) ____ recently? Looks great.</p> |
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3 PPC vs Present Perfect Simple

HARD

Choose: activity focus (PPC) or result/count (PPS).

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| <p>1. I ____ this book. It's brilliant! (finished)</p> <p>3. She ____ all afternoon, covered in paint.</p> <p>5. They ____ about problem, no solution yet.</p> <p>7. He ____ here for 10 years. (still works there)</p> <p>9. We ____ three meetings this week. (count)</p> | <p>2. I ____ this book all week, not done yet.</p> <p>4. She ____ three rooms so far. (count)</p> <p>6. I ____ my keys! Has anyone seen them?</p> <p>8. You look hot. ____ you ____? (recent activity)</p> <p>10. I ____ all day. I need a break. (activity)</p> |
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Write PPC or PPS

HARDER

Write PPC or Present Perfect Simple.

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| 1. Kids (play) ____ outside. Look how dirty! | 2. She (feel) ____ unwell since Monday. |
| 3. I (try) ____ to call you all morning! | 4. How long (you/work) ____ here? |
| 5. He (not/eat) ____ properly, lost weight. | 6. I (read) ____ four books this month! (count) |
| 7. They (renovate) ____ kitchen, not finished. | 8. She (run) ____ every day this week. |
| 9. It (snow) ____ and the roads are icy. | 10. I (already/finish) ____ the report, so send it. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 PPC forms

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| 1 has been working | 6 have been talking |
| 2 have been waiting | 7 has been crying |
| 3 have been studying | 8 haven't been feeling |
| 4 has been driving | 9 has been raining |
| 5 have/been learning | 10 Has/been waiting |

2 Exercise 2 Written forms

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| 1 has been working | 6 has been raining |
| 2 have been waiting | 7 has been learning |
| 3 hasn't been sleeping | 8 have been thinking |
| 4 have been arguing | 9 have been looking |
| 5 have you been studying | 10 has he been exercising |

3 Exercise 3 PPC or PPS

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 have read (PPS) | 6 have lost (PPS) |
| 2 have been reading (PPC) | 7 has been working (PPC) |
| 3 has been painting (PPC) | 8 Have/been running (PPC) |
| 4 has painted (PPS) | 9 have had (PPS) |
| 5 have been talking (PPC) | 10 have been working (PPC) |

4 Exercise 4 PPC or PPS

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| 1 have been playing | 6 have read |
| 2 has been feeling | 7 have been renovating |
| 3 have been trying | 8 has been running |
| 4 have you been working | 9 has been snowing |
| 5 hasn't been eating | 10 have already finished |