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## INTRODUCTION

We use the Present Perfect Continuous to talk about an action that started in the past and that may or may not be completed. The focus is on the action and how long it has been in progress.

## MAIN PART

### Present Perfect Continuous

[has/have + been + present participle]

Remember that the Present Perfect Continuous has the meaning of "lately" or "recently." If you use the Present Perfect Continuous in a question such as "Have you been feeling alright?", it can suggest that the person looks sick or unhealthy. A question such as "Have you been smoking?" can suggest that you smell the smoke on the person. Using this tense in a question suggests you can see, smell, hear or feel the results of the action. It is possible to insult someone by using this tense incorrectly.

Positive

Negative

Question

I / you / we / they

I have been speaking.

I have not been speaking.

Have I been speaking?

he / she / it

He has been speaking.

He has not been speaking.

Has he been speaking?

Recently, I have been feeling really tired.

(<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfectcontinuous.htm>)

She has been watching too much television lately.

(<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfectcontinuous.htm>)

Have you been exercising lately?

(<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfectcontinuous.htm>)

Mary has been feeling a little depressed.

(<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfectcontinuous.htm>)

Lisa has not been practicing her English.

(<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfectcontinuous.htm>)

What have you been doing?

(<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfectcontinuous.htm>)

She been asking questions all day long.

(<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/present-perfect-progressive/exercises?03>)

They have been climbing the mountain.

(<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/present-perfect-progressive/exercises?03>)

We have been washing the dishes.

(<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/present-perfect-progressive/exercises?03>)

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