

Present Perfect Continuous

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Distinguishing present perfect continuous from simple present perfect for ongoing actions — five short drills to lock in **Present Perfect Continuous**.

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____ Score _____

1 · Rules

- ◆ Use the present perfect continuous (have/has been + -ing) to talk about actions that started in the past and continue now.
- ◆ Add "since" for a specific start point and "for" for a duration.
- ◆ Do not use the simple past or present perfect simple when the action is still ongoing.

2 · Signal words

since

for

lately

recently

all day

how long

still

already

Tip: These words often flag **Present Perfect Continuous** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Present Perfect Continuous** in each gap.

- 1 She _____ the novel for two hours.
- 2 They _____ on the project since Monday.
- 3 I _____ for the bus for 30 minutes.
- 4 John _____ the guitar all morning.
- 5 We _____ English since we arrived in London.
- 6 The kids _____ TV since dinner.

4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Present Perfect Continuous. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~She has read the novel for two hours.~~
- 2 ~~They have worked on the project since Monday.~~
- 3 ~~I have waited for the bus for 30 minutes.~~
- 4 ~~John has played the guitar all morning.~~
- 5 ~~We have studied English since we arrived in London.~~
- 6 ~~The kids have watched TV since dinner.~~

5 · Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A-D).

- 1 Which sentence correctly uses the present perfect continuous?
☐ (A) She has been reading the novel for two hours. ☐ (B) She has read the novel for two hours.
☐ (C) She reads the novel for two hours. ☐ (D) She was reading the novel for two hours.
- 2 Select the sentence that correctly expresses an action that started on Monday and is still happening.
☐ (A) They have been working on the project since Monday.
☐ (B) They have worked on the project since Monday. ☐ (C) They are working on the project since Monday.
☐ (D) They worked on the project since Monday.
- 3 Pick the sentence that uses the present perfect continuous to talk about waiting.
☐ (A) I have been waiting for the bus for 30 minutes. ☐ (B) I have waited for the bus for 30 minutes.
☐ (C) I wait for the bus for 30 minutes. ☐ (D) I was waiting for the bus for 30 minutes.
- 4 Which sentence correctly shows an activity that has been happening all morning?
☐ (A) John has been playing the guitar all morning. ☐ (B) John has played the guitar all morning.
☐ (C) John plays the guitar all morning. ☐ (D) John was playing the guitar all morning.
- 5 Choose the correct present perfect continuous sentence about studying English.
☐ (A) We have been studying English since we arrived in London.
☐ (B) We have studied English since we arrived in London.
☐ (C) We study English since we arrived in London.
☐ (D) We were studying English since we arrived in London.
- 6 Select the sentence that correctly uses the present perfect continuous for the kids watching TV.
☐ (A) The kids have been watching TV since dinner. ☐ (B) The kids have watched TV since dinner.
☐ (C) The kids watch TV since dinner. ☐ (D) The kids were watching TV since dinner.