

Present Perfect Continuous Tense Intro

This tense is used to describe an action that began in the past, has continued up to the present, and may still be ongoing.

1. **Structure:**

- The tense is formed using: **I have been + [verb]ing** Example: I have been studying.

2. **For/Since:**

- **Duration of time.** Example: I have been reading **for two hours**.
- **Specific point in time.** Example: I have been reading **since 10 a.m.**

3. **Action vs. State Verbs:**

- **Action verbs** like *drive* or *play*. Example: **She has been driving for three hours.**
- Not usually used with stative verbs like *know* or *have*. Example: **I have known her for five years.** (**NOT** I have been knowing her for five years).

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks Complete the sentences using the present perfect continuous tense.

1. I _____ (wait) for the bus for 20 minutes.
2. She _____ (listen) to music since morning.
3. They _____ (watch) TV for three hours.

Exercise 2: For or Since? Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. I have been studying English _____ 2018.
2. She has been dancing _____ three hours.
3. We have been traveling _____ Monday.
4. They have been working here _____ five years.

Exercise 3: Correct or Incorrect? Determine if the following sentences are correct (C) or incorrect (I).

1. I have been knowing her for a long time. ()
2. She has been playing the piano since she was five. ()
3. We have been having this book for two years. ()
4. They have been watching the movie for an hour. ()

Exercise 4: Transform the Sentence Change the following sentences from the present perfect simple to the present perfect continuous. If it cannot be transformed, put an **X**.

1. I have lived here for five years. _____
2. She has played tennis since 10 a.m. _____
3. They have worked at the company for a decade. _____
4. He has known her since childhood. _____

Exercise 1: Fill in the Blanks

1. I **have been waiting** for the bus for 20 minutes.
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Exercise 2: For or Since?

1. I have been studying English **since** 2018.
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4. They have been working here **for** five years.

Exercise 3: Correct or Incorrect?

1. I **have known** her for a long time.
2. She has been playing the piano since she was five. (This sentence is already correct.)
3. We **have had** this book for two years.
4. They have been watching the movie for an hour. (This sentence is already correct.)

Exercise 4: Transform the Sentence

1. I have lived here for five years. **I have been living here for five years.**
2. She has played tennis since 10 a.m. **She has been playing tennis since 10 a.m.**
3. They have worked at the company for a decade. **They have been working at the company for a decade.**
4. He has known her since childhood. (This sentence cannot be appropriately transformed into the present perfect continuous tense as "know" is a stative verb and isn't typically used in continuous tenses.)