

## Present Perfect Simple or Continuous Exercise

SUBJECT + HAVE/HAS + BEEN + VERB+ING + THE REST <i>She has been reading a lot recently</i>
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TENSE	USE	EXAMPLE
<b>Present Perfect Simple</b>	<b>1</b> when the <b>result</b> of the action is important	<i>I've written a play</i>
<b>Present Perfect Continuous</b>	<b>2</b> to describe how somebody or something has been <b>occupying</b> his/her or its <b>time</b>	<i>I have been writing a play</i>
	<b>3</b> for repeated actions and actions of a continuous nature	<i>I've been going to a new café a lot</i>

Decide on the use for each sentence and then fill the gaps with either the **present perfect simple** or the **present perfect continuous** tenses using the verb in brackets.

### USE

- 1  I'm exhausted. I..... in the garden all day. (work)
- 2  That old house now looks fantastic. The owners ..... completely ..... it. (restore)
- 3  My garden's a jungle. I ..... any gardening for months. (do NEGATIVE)
- 4  I think Maggie and Max are dating. They..... a lot of each other recently. (see)
- 5  We've discovered this great pub and we..... there a lot. (go)
- 6  I ..... the report yet. (finish NEGATIVE)
- 7  You're covered in hay, Max. What ..... you ..... ? (do)
- 8  Maggie's gone to the doctor's. She ..... too well lately. (feel NEGATIVE)
- 9  Where have you been? I..... for ages. (wait)
- 10  I have to write a 300 word essay. I..... about half so far. (write)
- 11  I've phoned you about 10 times today. I..... to get through to you all day. (try)
- 12  You look great. .... you ..... to the hairdresser's? (be)
- 13  I..... in a lot recently to try and save a bit of money. (stay)
- 14  Where's my chocolate mousse? Who..... it? (eat)
- 15  Half of my chocolate is gone. Who ..... it? (attack)



Fill in the correct form of the Present Perfect tense!

1. The earth \_\_\_\_\_ here for billions of years (**be**).
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ cards for the last few hours (**play**).
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ problems with our new car recently (**have**)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ on anything interesting lately? (**you work**)
5. Cuba \_\_\_\_\_ a socialist country since 1959 (**be**)
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ care of my neighbour's cats while they are away (**take**)
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ my car for three years (**have**).
8. \_\_\_\_\_ an important fight? (**the boxer, ever, win**)
9. John and Mary \_\_\_\_\_ with each other since the day they got married (**quarrel**).
10. It \_\_\_\_\_ hard since last night (**rain**).
11. I'm tired because I \_\_\_\_\_ well lately. (**not feel**)
12. \_\_\_\_\_ your problems? (**your parents, always, understand**)
13. The patient \_\_\_\_\_ penicillin for several days now (**take**)
14. A big earthquake \_\_\_\_\_ San Francisco since 1906. (**not hit**)
15. They \_\_\_\_\_ in San Francisco since they arrived in the USA 20 years ago. (**live**)
16. He got ill five weeks ago and \_\_\_\_\_ yet. (**not recover**)
17. Everyone in the Middle East \_\_\_\_\_ about the situation for decades (**worry**).
18. We \_\_\_\_\_ very cold weather this year (**have**)
19. Where \_\_\_\_\_ the money? (**you, hide**)
20. At last, my favourite team \_\_\_\_\_ against its most important rival (**win**)
21. I \_\_\_\_\_ for 6 years. (**marry**)
22. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ a number of jobs in the last few years (**have**).
23. The bank is still closed. It \_\_\_\_\_ yet. (**not open**)
24. Our daughter \_\_\_\_\_ lipstick since she was 16 (**wear**).
25. She is angry because her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ up yet and she \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour. (**not show, wait**).
26. I'm still waiting for an answer. They \_\_\_\_\_ up their minds yet. (**not make**)
27. How many times \_\_\_\_\_ the cat today? (**Kim feed**)
28. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ on my nerves. They \_\_\_\_\_ too much noise (**get, make**).
29. My company \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money in the last few years. They \_\_\_\_\_ hard on an important project. (**make, work**).
30. They \_\_\_\_\_ our new refrigerator yet, but they will any day now. (**not deliver**)