

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE vs PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Present Perfect

Finished actions.

The kids have played for two hours.

Permanent actions.

I have taught English for 12 years.

Emphasis on the result of the action.

He has repaired the car.

Indicate how much/many have been completed.

It has taken six years to write this book.

Present Perfect Continuous

Unfinished actions.

The kids have been playing since morning.

Temporary actions.

I have been teaching this class for one hour.

Emphasis on the duration of the action.

He has been repairing the car for two hours.

Indicate how long something has been happening.

I have been studying English for two months.