

PRESENT PERFECT vs PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

PRESENT PERFECT

Function: To express an activity started in the past and has been finished before now. We are interested in the **result/achievement** of the activity.

Example:

1. Somebody **has smoked** all my cigarettes. The package is empty.
2. Mary **has written** ten letters today.
3. They **have played** tennis three times this week.
4. The car is OK now. **I have repaired** it.

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Function: To express activity started in the past, still in progress now, and might continue in the future. We are interested in the **activity**.

Example:

1. She **has been smoking** too much recently.
2. Mary is still writing letters. **She has been writing** letters all day.
3. They **have been playing** tennis since 2 o'clock.
4. My hands are very dirty. **I have been repairing** the car.