

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Form

Affirmative

S + have/has + been + present participle

They have been learning English for two years.

Negative

S + have/has + not + been + present participle

They have not been learning English for years.

Interrogative

Have/has + S + been + present participle

Have they been learning English for years?

Usage

Long actions that started in the past and continue until now.

I have been living in Ireland for almost 4 years.

Recent actions that have clear evidence or results now.

Her eyes are red because she has been crying all evening.

Typically used for shorter, more temporary situations.

Have they been learning English for years?