

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE VS. PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

Present Perfect Simple

➡ Formed by adding "have/has" to the **past participle**

S + have/has + V3

➡ Used with **finished** actions

The kids **have played** for 2 hours.



➡ Used for **permanent** actions
I **have taught** English for 12 years.

➡ Emphasis on the **result** of the action

He **has repaired** the car.



➡ Indicate **How much/How many** have been completed

It **has taken** six years to write this book.



Present Perfect Continuous

➡ Formed by adding "have/has been" to the **present participle**

S + have/has + been + V-ing

➡ Used with **unfinished** actions

The kids **have been playing** since morning.

➡ Used for **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 2 hours.

➡ Indicates **How long** something has been happening

He **has been studying** English for two months.

NOTE

Always use **the present perfect simple** (not continuous) with the verbs **believe, know, understand, like/dislike, belong, own**:
We've **known** each other since we were kids.
I've **never understood** Math very well.
He's always **liked** sports.

