

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS

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HAVE/HAS + PAST PARTICIPLE

We are interested in the **RESULT** of the action.

The room was grey and now it's blue.

*I've painted the bedroom. (You don't know when)

Uses: to say how much we've done, how many things or how many times but we don't say when we did the action. Also for news:

*Peter **has bought** a new car.

*I **have played** tennis twice this week.

PRESENT PERFECT CONT.

HAVE/HAS+BEEN+VERB/ING

We are interested in the **ACTION** itself

My clothes are covered in paint.

*I've been painting the room. (Recent action)

Uses: to say how long something has been happening.

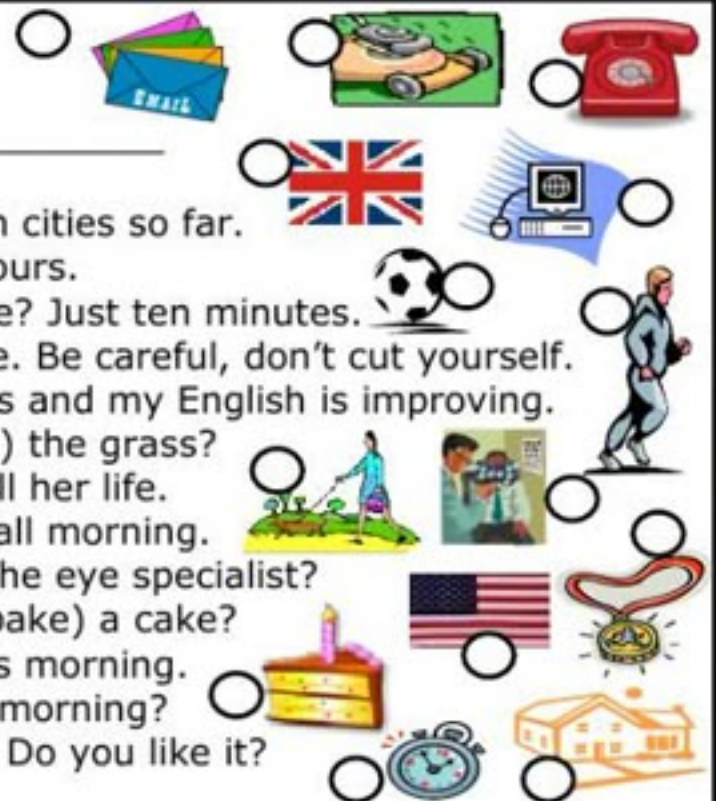
*How long **has** she **been reading**?

*She **has been reading** since ten o'clock.

And she's still reading.

Exercise 1 Fill the gaps with the correct form of the verb.

- 1-She's a fantastic swimmer but she _____ (never win) an medal.
- 2-Peter _____ (visit) so many American cities so far.
- 3-I need a rest. I _____ (run) for four hours.
- 4-How long _____ (you wait) for me? Just ten minutes.
- 5-Look! Somebody _____ (break) that vase. Be careful, don't cut yourself.
- 6-I _____ (learn) English for two years and my English is improving.
- 7-You look sweaty. _____ (cut) the grass?
- 8-My sister _____ (live) in a house all her life.
- 9-I'm tired. I _____ (play) football all morning.
- 10-Your eyes look red. _____ (be) to the eye specialist?
- 11-What a lovely smell. _____ (bake) a cake?
- 12-Sara _____ (phone) me twice this morning.
- 13- _____ (write) emails all morning?
- 14-Sue _____ (buy) a new computer. Do you like it?



Exercise 2 Choose the correct option.

- 1-My sister **has had/has been having** a shower for twenty minutes. The floor is still wet.
- 2-Hi Tom! I **haven't seen/haven't been seeing** you for ages!
- 3-Michael **has learnt/has been learning** French for three months and he loves it.
- 4-Melissa **has bought/has been buying** a new dress for the party.
- 5-What are you doing? -'I **have watched/have been watching** television since I arrived'.
- 6-Do you like my living room? I **have put/have been putting** new curtains.
- 7-I'm not very well. I **have been/ have been being** to the doctor's twice this week.
- 8-Sorry, I'm late. How long **have you sat/have you been sitting** here?
- 9-Carol **has seen/has been seeing** this film many times. She loves it.
- 10-She's a good dancer. She **has won/has been winning** two championships already.
- 11-Sam is not here. He's gone. He **has travelled/has been travelling** for months.
- 12-Look at my jacket. I **have had/have been having** it for only three days.