

## Present perfect continuous

We use the Present perfect continuous tense to talk about an action that started in the past and it is still going on.

Subject+have been/has been+V4+object+for/since

I/we/you/they/my friends-have been

He/she/it/Ganesh/my friend-has been

For indicates period of time

for 10 years

for three years

for one year

for five months

for two months

for one month

for three weeks

for one week

for four days

for one day

for two hours

for one hour

for 10 minutes

for many days

for a long time

Since indicates point of time(at that time onwards)

since my childhood

since last year

since 2008

since last month

since last June

since this morning

since 7 o' clock this morning

since I left the job

since I came to Hyderabad

since I got the job

I have been teaching English for 12 years.

We have been learning English for three months.

I have been suffering from fever for three days.

It has been raining for two hours.

I have been working with Reliance since 2009.

Ganesh has been doing the business since 2003.

My parents have been living in Hyderabad since 1985.

She has been watching TV since 8 a.m.

He has been listening to online classes since last March.

We have been practising tenses for one hour.

We have been waiting for the bus for two hours.

She has been washing the clothes for 15 minutes.

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Types of sentences

I/we/you/they/my friends

have not been=haven't been

(P)They have been reading the newspaper for one hour.

(N)They haven't been reading the newspaper for one hour.

(PI)Have they been reading the newspaper for one hour?

(NI)Have they not been reading the newspaper for one hour?

(Haven't they been reading the newspaper for one hour?)

What have they been doing for one hour?

Which newspaper have they been reading for one hour?

Where have they been reading the newspaper for one hour?

Why have they been reading the newspaper for one hour?

Who have been reading the newspaper for one hour?

How have they been reading the newspaper for one hour?

How long have they been reading the newspaper?

He/she/it/Ganesh/my friend

has not been=hasn't been

(P)She has been teaching  
English since 2005.

(N)She hasn't been teaching  
English since 2005.

(PI)Has she been teaching  
English since 2005?

(NI)Has she not been teaching  
English since 2005?

(Hasn't she been teaching  
English since 2005?)

What has she been doing since  
2005?

Where has she been teaching  
English since 2005?

Why has she been teaching  
English since 2005?

How has she been teaching  
English since 2005?

How long has she been  
teaching English?

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### Yes/No questions and answers

Have you been learning spoken English for three months?

Yes,I have been learning spoken English for three months.

Yes,I have(been).

No,I haven't been learning spoken English for three months.

No,I haven't(been).

Have you been living in Hyderabad since 2002?

Yes,we have been living in Hyderabad since 2002.

Yes,we have(been).

No,we haven't been living in Hyderabad since 2002.

No,we haven't(been).

Have they been doing the business since last year?

Yes,they have been doing the business since last year.

Yes,they have(been).

No,they haven't been doing the business since last year.

No,they haven't(been).

Has he been working with Reliance for 15 years?

Yes,he has been working with Reliance for 15 years.

Yes,he has(been).

No,he hasn't been working with Reliance for 15 years.

No,he hasn't(been).

Has Ganesh been reading the book for 15 minutes?

Yes,Ganesh has been reading the book for 15 minutes.

Yes,he has(been).

No,Ganesh hasn't been reading the book for 15 minutes.

No,he hasn't(been).

Has she been washing the clothes for one hour?

Yes,she has been washing the clothes for one hour.

Yes,she has(been).

No,she hasn't been washing the clothes for one hour.

No,she hasn't(been).

Has it been raining for two hours?

Yes,it has been raining for two hours.

Yes,it has(been).

No,it hasn't been raining for two hours.

No,it hasn't(been).



Present perfect continuous(for  
practice)

1	2	3	4	
Have	you		waiting for the bus for two hours?	
	they		living in Hyderabad since 2003?	
	your parents	3	working there since 1992?	
	your brothers	been	learning spoken English for two months?	It
	your friends		doing the business for 20 years ?	raining for one hour?
	Raju's parents		reading the newspaper for one hour?	
Has	he		listening to class for three hours?	
	she		sitting here for 20 minutes?	
	it		suffering from fever for one week?	
	Ganesh		doing shopping since 2 p.m.?	
	your father		teaching English since 2008?	
	your brother		preparing for the exam for one year?	
	Latha's brother		discussing the topic for one hour?	