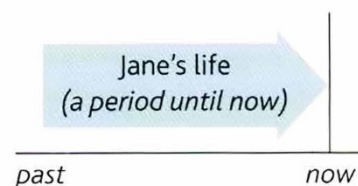


Present perfect 2 (I have done)

A

Study this example conversation:

- DAVE: **Have** you **travelled** a lot, Jane?
 JANE: Yes, I've **been** to lots of places.
 DAVE: Really? **Have** you ever **been** to China?
 JANE: Yes, I've **been** to China twice.
 DAVE: What about India?
 JANE: No, I **haven't been** to India.



When we talk about a period of time that continues from the past until now, we use the *present perfect* (**have been** / **have travelled** etc.). Here, Dave and Jane are talking about the places Jane has visited in her life, which is a period that continues until now.

Some more examples:

- ☐ **Have** you ever **eaten** caviar?
- ☐ We've never **had** a car.
- ☐ '**Have** you **read** *Hamlet*?' 'No, I **haven't read** any of Shakespeare's plays.'
- ☐ Susan really loves that film. She's **seen** it eight times!
- ☐ What a boring film! It's the most boring film I've **ever seen**.

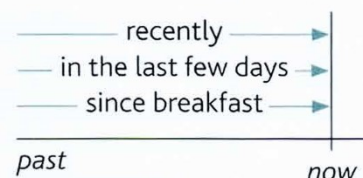
Been (to) = visited:

- ☐ I've never **been to** China. Have you **been** there?

B

In the following examples too, the speakers are talking about a period that continues until now (**recently** / **in the last few days** / **so far** / **since breakfast** etc.):

- ☐ **Have** you **heard** anything from Brian **recently**?
- ☐ I've **met** a lot of people **in the last few days**.
- ☐ Everything is going well. We **haven't had** any problems **so far**.
- ☐ I'm hungry. I **haven't eaten** anything **since breakfast**.
(= from breakfast until now)
- ☐ It's good to see you again. We **haven't seen** each other **for a long time**.



C

In the same way we use the present perfect with **today** / **this evening** / **this year** etc. when these periods are not finished at the time of speaking (see also Unit 14B):

- ☐ I've **drunk** four cups of coffee **today**.
- ☐ **Have** you **had** a holiday **this year**?
- ☐ I **haven't seen** Tom **this morning**. **Have** you?
- ☐ Rob **hasn't worked** very hard **this term**.



D

We say: It's the (first) time something **has happened**. For example:

- ☐ Don is having a driving lesson. It's his first one.
It's the first time he **has driven** a car. (*not drives*)

or He **has never driven** a car **before**.

- ☐ Sarah has lost her passport again. This is the second time this **has happened**. (*not happens*)
- ☐ Bill is phoning his girlfriend again. That's the third time he's **phoned** her **this evening**.



Exercises

8.1 You ask people about things they have done. Write questions with **ever**.

- (ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
- (be / California?) Have
- (run / marathon?)
- (speak / famous person?)
- (most beautiful place / visit?) What's

8.2 Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use these verbs:

be be eat happen ~~have~~ have ~~meet~~ play read see try

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|--|---|
| <p>A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What's Mark's sister like? Is everything going well? Are you hungry? Can you play chess? Are you enjoying your holiday? What's that book like? Is Brussels an interesting place? I hear your car broke down again yesterday. Do you like caviar? Mike was late for work again today. Who's that woman by the door? | <p>B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I've no idea. <u>I've never met</u> her. Yes, we <u>haven't had</u> any problems so far. Yes. I much today. Yes, but for ages. Yes, it's the best holiday for a long time. I don't know. it. I've no idea. there. Yes, it's the second time this month. I don't know. it. Again? He late every day this week. I don't know. her before. |
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8.3 Write four sentences about yourself. Use **I haven't** and choose from the boxes.

used a computer travelled by bus eaten any fruit
been to the cinema read a book lost anything

- I haven't used a computer today.
-
-
-
-

today
this week
recently
for ages
since ...
this year

8.4 Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the example.

- Jack is driving a car, but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.
You ask: Have you driven a car before?
He says: No, this is the first time I've driven a car.
- Ben is playing tennis. He's not good at it and he doesn't know the rules.
You ask: Have
He says: No, this is the first
- Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.
You ask:
She says:
- Maria is in Japan. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask:
She says:

Present perfect continuous (I have been doing)

A

It has been raining

Study this example situation:



Is it raining?

No, but the ground is wet.

It has been raining.

Have/has been -ing is the *present perfect continuous*:

I/we/they/you	have	(= I've etc.)	been	doing waiting playing etc.
he/she/it	has	(= he's etc.)		

We use the present perfect continuous for an activity that has recently stopped or just stopped. There is a connection with *now*:

- ☐ You're out of breath. **Have you been running?** (= you're out of breath *now*)
- ☐ Paul is very tired. **He's been working** very hard. (= he's tired *now*)
- ☐ Why are your clothes so dirty? What **have you been doing?**
- ☐ **I've been talking** to Amanda about the problem and she agrees with me.
- ☐ Where have you been? **I've been looking** for you everywhere.

B

It has been raining for two hours.

Study this example situation:



It began raining two hours ago and it is still raining.

How long **has it been raining?**It **has been raining** for two hours.

We use the present perfect continuous in this way especially with **how long**, **for ...** and **since ...**. The activity is still happening (as in this example) or has just stopped.

- ☐ **How long have you been learning** English? (= you're still learning English)
- ☐ Tim is still watching TV. **He's been watching** TV **all day**.
- ☐ Where have you been? **I've been looking** for you **for the last half hour**.
- ☐ Chris **hasn't been feeling** well **recently**.

You can use the present perfect continuous for actions repeated over a period of time:

- ☐ Silvia is a very good tennis player. **She's been playing** **since she was eight**.
- ☐ Every morning they meet in the same cafe. **They've been going** there **for years**.

C

Compare **I am doing** (see Unit 1) and **I have been doing**:

I am doing
present continuous
↓
now









- ☐ Don't disturb me now. **I'm working**.
- ☐ We need an umbrella. **It's raining**.
- ☐ Hurry up! **We're waiting**.

I have been doing
present perfect continuous
↓
now

- ☐ **I've been working** hard. Now I'm going to have a break.
- ☐ The ground is wet. **It's been raining**.
- ☐ **We've been waiting** for an hour.

Exercises

9.1 What have these people been doing or what has been happening?

<p>1</p> <p>earlier</p>  <p>now</p>  <p>They <u>'ve been shopping.</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p>earlier</p>  <p>now</p>  <p>She</p>
<p>3</p> <p>earlier</p>  <p>now</p>  <p>They</p>	<p>4</p> <p>earlier</p>  <p>now</p>  <p>He</p>

9.2 Write a question for each situation.

- You meet Paul as he is leaving the swimming pool.
You ask: (you / swim?) Have you been swimming?
- You have just arrived to meet a friend who is waiting for you.
You ask: (you / wait / long?)
- You meet a friend in the street. His face and hands are very dirty.
You ask: (what / you / do?)
- A friend of yours is now working in a shop. You want to know how long.
You ask: (how long / you / work / there?)
- A friend tells you about his job – he sells mobile phones. You want to know how long.
You ask: (how long / you / sell / mobile phones?)

9.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- It's raining. The rain started two hours ago.
It 's been raining for two hours.
- We are waiting for the bus. We started waiting 20 minutes ago.
We for 20 minutes.
- I'm learning Spanish. I started classes in December.
I since December.
- Jessica is working in a supermarket. She started working there on 18 January.
..... since 18 January.
- Our friends always spend their holidays in Italy. They started going there years ago.
..... for years.

9.4 Put the verb into the present continuous (I am -ing) or present perfect continuous (I have been -ing).

- Maria has been learning (Maria / learn) English for two years.
- Hello, Tom. (I / look) for you. Where have you been?
- Why (you / look) at me like that? Stop it!
- Linda is a teacher. (she / teach) for ten years.
- (I / think) about what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- 'Is Paul on holiday this week?' 'No, (he / work).'
- Sarah is very tired. (she / work) very hard recently.