

## BY or WITH

### By:

- **By + verb + ing:**

I turn on the computer **by** pushing the on button.

I keep healthy **by** exercising.

I learned Karate **by** watching YouTube.

- **BY + noun:**

*for communications and transports and exceptions.  
don't use article (e.g., a or and) before noun.*

I will contact you **by** email.

I would message you **by** text.

I'm going to travel **by** bus.

I came **by** car.

### With:

- **With + noun:**

*Comes with body parts, tools and instruments.*

Italians talk **with** their hands.

I point **with** my finger.

I cleaned the floor **with** a mop.

I ate dinner **with** a fork.

## Unit 6

### Present Perfect Continuous , Present Perfect

### idea or work in progress till now

Have you **been working** in the garden all day? You look exhausted.

She's **been writing** the book since she was in her twenties and at last it's finished. (with time expression)

### verbs describe unchanging states

Have you **known** each other long? (not Have you been knowing ...)

I **haven't liked** ice cream since I ate too much and was sick, (not I haven't been liking ...)

It seems that you **haven't understood** the problem well.

They **have belonged** to this area for decades.

We've **been looking** forward to this holiday for ages, (or We've **looked** forward to ...)

He's **broken** his finger and is in a lot of pain, (not He's been breaking ...) (finished if we can still see its results.)

I've **been playing** squash and need a shower! (more likely than I've played ...) (extended or repeated activity)

### Complain or Criticise

Who's **been messing around** with my papers? They're all over the place. (draw a conclusion from what we can see, hear, etc.)

You've **been eating** chocolate, haven't you? There's some on your shirt.

Prices have decreased by 7%.

Prices have been decreasing recently, (or Prices have decreased ...)

I've used three tins of paint on the kitchen walls.

I've been using a new kind of paint on the kitchen walls, (or I've used ...)

Miguel **has been kicking** a football against the wall all day. (emphasizes repetition)

He **has played** for the national team in 65 matches so far.

The workers **have been calling** for the chairman's resignation. (emphasises a number of times)

Workers **have called** for management to begin negotiations on pay. (maybe a number of times or only once.)