

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE



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Positive

He
She
It

+

has been

+

playing

« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

I
You
We
You
They

+

have been

+

playing

« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Negative

He
She
It

+

has not been

hasn't been

+

playing

« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

I
You
We
You
They

+

have not been

haven't been

+

playing

« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Question

Has been

+

He
She
It

+

playing

« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

Have been

+

I
You
We
You
They

+

playing

« 1st form of verb + '-ing' »

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USAGE

To emphasize the action duration that started in past and continued to the present.

She **has been reading** novel all the night.

To express the anger or annoyance.

Why **you have been calling** me?

How long actions continued?

He **has been planting** flowers for **two hours**.

Time expression

He has been sleeping **since 11 p.m.**

Announcement in media

The government **has been trying** to reduce the inflation since last month.

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EXAMPLES

- ✓ He **has been standing** in the rain waiting for the bus.
- ✓ I **have been drinking** coffee for many years.
- ✓ I **have been visiting** Paris since 2016.
- ✓ Julia **has been working** in the kitchen all morning.
- ✓ Jimmy **has been attending** the business meeting.
- ✓ The gardener **has been planting** the flowers.
- ✓ Tom **has been sleeping** soundly for five hours.

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TIME EXPRESSIONS

For

Since

How long

**All day, All morning, All
month**

Lately

Recently