

*What are they doing now?*

*How long have they been doing this?*



**for ten minutes**



**since 3 o'clock**



**all morning**

# The Present Perfect Continuous Tense



# have been/has been +Ving

## Key words:

since

for

all... (morning, evening, day)

How long...?



There is a lion lying at a small airport in South America.  
Planes can't leave because the lion is in the way!  
The lion has been lying there since 9 a.m.  
But no one wants to move them!  
The passengers have been waiting for five hours!  
The manager of the airport thinks this lion is enjoying  
the sun and will move when the sun goes down.  
Until then, everyone must wait!



- (+) The lion **has been lying** there **since** 9 a.m.
- (-) The lion **hasn't been lying** there **since** 9 a.m.

- (+) The passengers **have been waiting** **for** five hours.
- (?) **Have** the passengers **been waiting** **for** five hours?
- (?) **How long** **have** the passengers **been waiting**?

**... five hours**

since

for

**... last month**

since

for

**... Friday**

since

for

**...20 minutes**

since

for

**... 5 o'clock**

for

since

**... September**

since

for

**... ten months**

since

for

**... his childhood**

since

for

**... two years**

for

since

**...a long time**

since

for

**... Christmas**

for

since

**... my birthday**

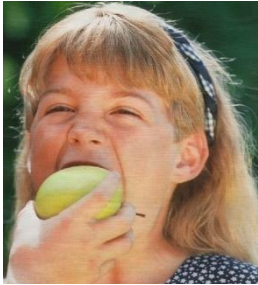
for

since

# *for/since/all*

- I have been working on the computer ***for/since/all*** six o`clock.
- Alice has been reading his book ***for/since/all*** afternoon.
- Jess has been learning English ***for/since/all*** five years.
- Where is the bus? We`ve been waiting here ***for/since/all*** twenty minutes.
- The weather is awful! It`s been raining ***for/since/all*** day.
- My mother has been cooking ***for/since/all*** ten o`clock.
- The boys have been playing football ***for/since/all*** an hour.

# Make up the sentences



1. eat an apple/  
a minute

She **has been eating** an apple **for** a minute.



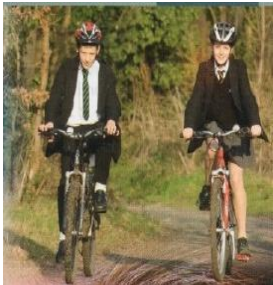
2. play the piano/  
2 o'clock

He **has been playing** the piano **since** 2 o'clock.



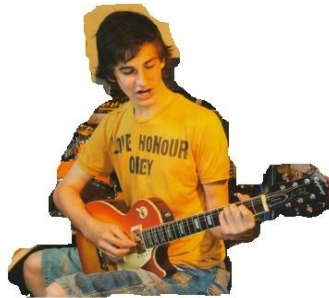
3. jump/  
five minutes

They **have been jumping** **for** 5 minutes.



4. ride bikes/  
morning

They **have been riding** their bikes **all** morning.



5. play the guitar/  
5 o'clock

He **has been playing** the guitar **since** 5 o'clock.



6. have lunch/ 30  
minutes

He **has been having** lunch **for** 30 minutes.

# Complaining game

- Pupil 1 : Oh.... I have been doing my homework for an hour!
- Pupil 2 : That's nothing! I have been doing my homework for two hours!



# Find and correct mistakes

1. I have be living here for five years.
2. Has you waiting for me since 3 o'clock?- Yes, I've.
3. Children have been watch TV since three hours! How long they have been doing it?
4. Has Sally been working as a nurse for five years ? – Yes, Sally has.
5. They've been knowing each other for many years.
6. How long have your sister been training?
7. I haven't been hearing from him since several months.
8. Andrew and Dan has been work together for last year.
9. You have been cooking for two hours?

## Present Perfect Continuous or Present Perfect

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ here for 10 years.  
a) **have been living**      b) have lived
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ at that company since last year.  
a) **has been working**      b) has worked
3. Her hands are dirty. She \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.  
a) has worked      b) **has been working**
4. How long \_\_\_\_\_ children \_\_\_\_\_ English?  
a) have \_\_\_\_\_ learned      b) **have \_\_\_\_\_ been learning**
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ about house.  
a) **have just cleaned**      b) have been cleaning
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ training.  
a) **has finished**      b) has been finishing
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ my new job yet.  
a) **haven't started**      b) haven't been starting
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ this book since the beginning of the summer.  
a) **have been reading**      b) have read
9. How long he \_\_\_\_\_ TV?- Since eight o'clock.  
a) has watched      b) **has been watching**
10. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ football since he broke his arm  
a) **hasn't been playing**  
b) hasn't played

**Thank you very much!!!**

