

Present Perfect and Present Perfect Continuous



What is better for you?



Let's imagine, guys!

- 1) You have got a cup of tea on your table.
- 2) But then, your cup fell down!
- 3) *As a result*, what have you got?

Unfortunately, only a broken cup!



It is the result of your action.



Or another situation:

- 1) In the morning, you got up early and began to work in the garden.
- 2) It's 3 pm now, but I see you working «hand and foot»!

You are very tired, but you want to finish this work!

You are still in the process!

When we speak about such situations, we should use 2 different Grammatical Tenses:

Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous.

We have already spoken about Present Perfect Tense, but Perfect Continuous, what's



Let's remember:

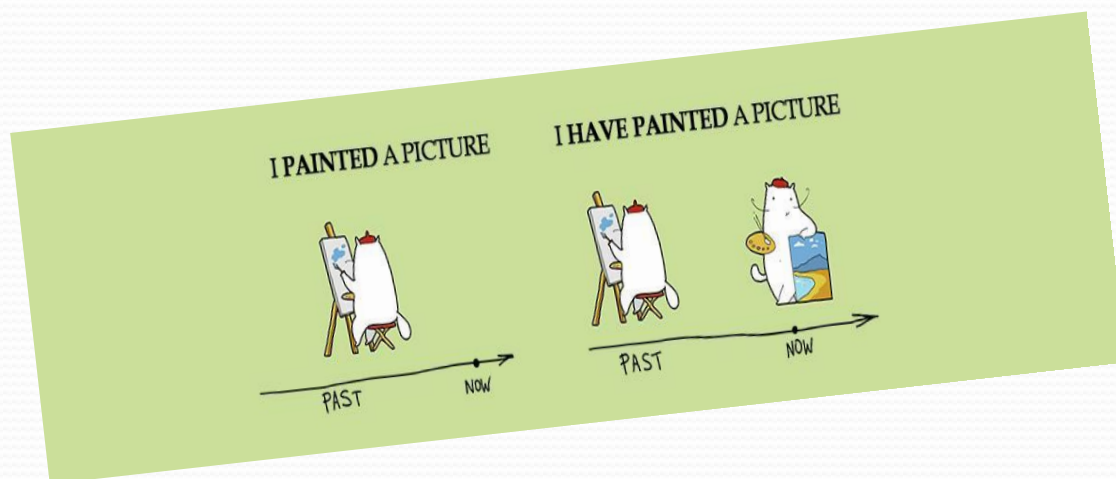
Present perfect tense indicates that something has just happened!

- *I have completed the work.*
- *We have arranged the books.*
- *She has opened a window.*

Also, **Present perfect tense** is used to talk about events or about past actions that are completely finished.

- *I could not go to the stadium because I have broken my leg.*
- *The government has declared Monday a holiday.*

(Wow!The same thing with our cup on the first slide!)



But in the **Present Perfect Continuous**, completely different rules!

The **Present Perfect Continuous**, on the other hand, indicates that something has been happening.

This is especially true at the time of speaking as in the following example.

- *It has been raining since morning.*

- *It is understood that the rain has not stopped at the time of speaking.*

The **Present Perfect Continuous** tense, on the other hand, describes an action that was happening at regular intervals at the time of speaking.

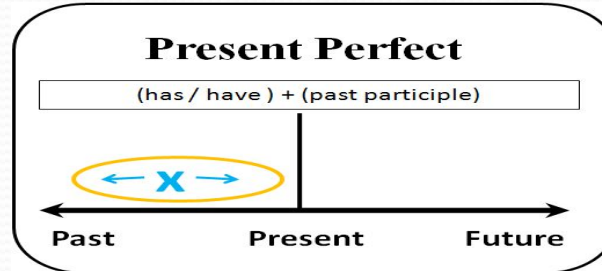
- *I have been reading some of Tennyson's poetry.*

From this sentence, you get the idea that the person was reading Tennyson's poetry at regular intervals though he was not reading at the time of speaking.



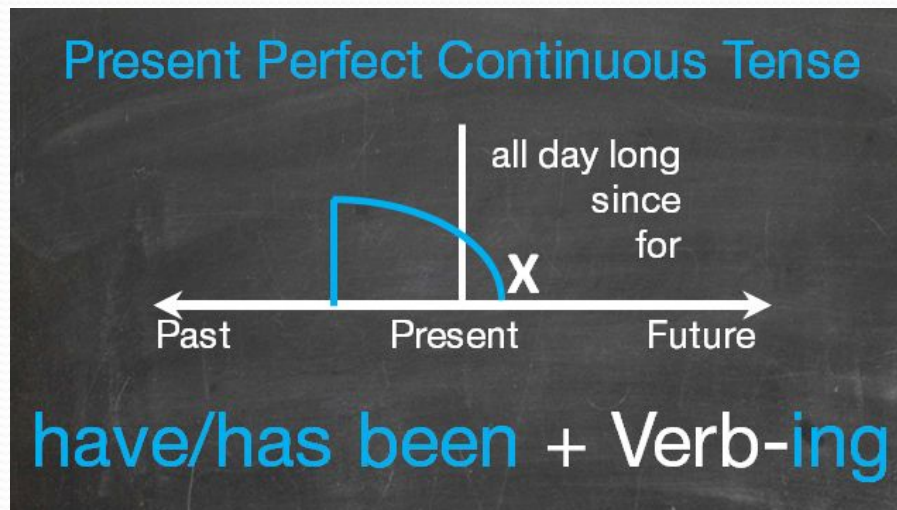
Let us see how the verb is constructed in **Present Perfect Tense**:

Has/ Have + past participle of the given verb



Present Perfect Continuous Tense:

Has/ Have + been + present participle of the given verb
(or you can say **verb + ing**)



What is the difference between Present Perfect and Present Perfect Continuous?

These are JUST TWO of the ways that the use of present perfect and present perfect progressive can be different.

Present perfect

I've read the book you lent me.

The focus is on the action being finished.

I have worked here for ten years.

Use when we view the action as more permanent.

Present perfect progressive

I've been reading the book you lent me.

The focus is on the action being unfinished.

I usually work in Dubai, but I've been working in New York for 2 weeks.

Use when we view the action as temporary.

The difference between PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS AND PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

We are thinking of an activity. It does not matter if it has been completed or not.

e.g., She has been painting her bedroom. Here, has been painting is the present perfect continuous.



Present Perfect Simple Tense

Here the important thing is that something has been completed.

e.g., She has painted her bedroom. Here, has painted is the present perfect simple.

Some examples:



I have read this book three times.



We have known each other for 10 years.



They have been waiting for 2 hours.



She has lived in this house for many years.



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is the mother of success!

