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TOPIC: PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



**USE 1 Duration from the Past Until Now**



We use the Present Perfect Continuous to show that something started in the past and has continued up until now. "For five minutes," "for two weeks," and "since Tuesday" are all durations which can be used with the Present Perfect Continuous

* We **have been waiting** here for over two hours!
* Why **has** Nancy **not been taking** her medicine for the last three days?

**USE 2 Recently, Lately**



You can also use the Present Perfect Continuous WITHOUT a duration such as "for two weeks." Without the duration, the tense has a more general meaning of "lately." We often use the words "lately" or "recently" to emphasize this meaning.

Examples:

* Recently, I **have been feeling** really tired.
* She **has been watching** too much television lately.

**REMEMBER Non-Continuous Verbs/ Mixed Verbs**

It is important to remember that [Non-Continuous Verbs](http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/types.html) cannot be used in any continuous tenses. Also, certain non-continuous meanings for [Mixed Verbs](http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/types.html) cannot be used in continuous tenses. Instead of using Present Perfect Continuous with these verbs, you must use [Present Perfect](http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentperfect.html).

Examples:

* Sam **has been having** his car for two years. ***Not Correct***
* Sam **has had** his car for two years. ***Correct***

**\*\*WRITE THE STRUCTURE NEGATIVE AND INTERROGATIVE**