

Present perfect and Present perfect progressive

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- Tom **has lost** his key.
- How long **have** they **been** married?
They **have been** married for years.
- Michael **has bought** a horse.
- Richard's car **has** just **broken** down.

- I **has been** raining.
- How long **has Karen been reading** the book?
She **has been reading** the book for three hours.
- She is tired. **Has she been playing?**
No, she hasn't.
She **has been studying** for two hours.

Present perfect

have, like,
know, be,
for, since.



They **have been** friends **for** twenty years.
(They met each other twenty years ago and they are still friends.)

Present perfect progressive

for, since, all
morning/day/week.



Sarah **has been picking** vegetables for two hours.
(She started picking two hours ago and she is still picking them now.)

Present perfect



She **has picked** a lot of apples.
(The apples are in the basket,
so the action has finished.)

Present perfect progressive



He is dirty. He **has been playing** football.
(He is no longer playing football, but the fact that
his clothes are dirty is visible now.)

Note:

- ▶ Feel (have a particular emotion),
- ▶ Live,
- ▶ Work,
- ▶ Teach.

e.g. He **has felt/has been feeling** unwell all morning.

Present perfect

- a) He **has broken** his arm. (The exact time is not mentioned. What is important is the fact that his arm is broken.)
- b) Peter **has been** to Paris four times. (The exact time of each of his visits is not mentioned. What is important is the fact that he has visited Paris four times.)



She **has received** three faxes **this morning**. (The action has been repeated three times up to now and may happen again because the time period – this morning – is not over yet.)

She **received** three faxes **this morning**. (The time period - this morning – is over. It is now afternoon or evening.)



Present perfect progressive.



Who **has been reading** my business paper? (The speaker is irritated.)

Both the Present perfect and the Present perfect progressive are used with the following time expressions:

- **How long**
 - ▶ **How long have you been learning** English?
- **For (duration)**
 - ▶ She **has been working** here **for** twenty years.
- **Since (starting point)**
 - ▶ We **have been living** here **since** 1980.
- **Lately/recently**
 - ▶ **Have you seen** any good films **lately/recently**?

The Present perfect is usually used with the following time expressions:

- **Already**
 - ▶ **Have you finished already?**
- **Yet**
 - ▶ **Has Roger left yet?**
- **Just**
 - ▶ **I have just phoned Jill.**
- **Always**
 - ▶ **She has always loved animals.**
- **Ever**
 - ▶ **Have you ever been abroad?**
- **Never**
 - ▶ **He has never been to France.**
- **So far**
 - ▶ **I have sent twenty invitation so far.**

The End

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