

Worksheet for the Present Perfect Continuous

Part 1 - Instructions:

In each sentence, use the verb in parenthesis to form the present perfect continuous and complete the sentence.

Example:

Maria _____ in the choir since she was a teenager. (sing)

Maria has been singing in the choir since she was a teenager. (sing)

1. Shailee _____ as a web designer since she graduated from college. (work)

2. The customers _____ in line at the ticket counter for two hours. (stand)

3. I _____ in Canada for 2 years. (live)

4. Martha _____ to Charles since she was 25. (marry)

5. What a long trip! We _____ for 5 hours already. (drive)

Part 2 - Instructions:

Turn each sentence from Part 1 into a question.

Example:

Maria has been singing in the choir since she was a teenager.

How long has Maria bee singing in the choir?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Part 3 - Instructions:

Choose the correct verb for each sentence, either the present perfect or the present perfect continuous. Write it into the blank.

1. Simona _____ dogs.

has always loved / has always been loving

2. My teammates _____ for 15 minutes already.

have practiced / have been practicing

3. I _____ chemistry or physics.

have never understood / have never been understanding

4. Your clothes are dirty! What _____ ?

have you done / have you been doing?

5. There you are! I _____ for you everywhere.

have looked / have been looking

Answers:

Part 1

1. Shailee has been working as a web designer since she graduated from college. (work)
2. The customers have been standing in line at the ticket counter for two hours. (stand)
3. I have been living in Canada for 2 years. (live)
4. Martha has been married to Charles since she was 25. (marry)
5. What a long trip! We have been driving for 5 hours already. (drive)

Part 2

1. How long has Shailee been working as a web designer?
2. How long have the customers been standing in line at the ticket counter?
3. How long have you been living in Canada?
4. How long has Martha been married to Charles?
5. How long have we been driving?
or How long have we been driving already?

Part 3:

1. Simona has always loved dogs.
("Love" is a verb that doesn't work well in the present perfect continuous.)
2. My teammates have been practicing for 15 minutes already.
(By using the adverb "already," you are saying that the action continues into the present. However, present perfect is also possible here.)
3. I have never understood chemistry or physics.
("Understand" is a verb that doesn't work well in the present perfect continuous.)

4. Your clothes are dirty! What have you been doing ?

("Have you been doing" implies that the action took place over a period of time, long enough to get the clothes dirty. The clothes are still dirty in the present.

"Have you done" implies one event that happened at one specific time in the past.)

5. There you are! I have been looking for you everywhere.

("Have been looking" implies that the seeker was looking right up until the present moment when the other person is found. "Have looked" in the present perfect is also possible, but "have been looking" is better.)