

The Present Perfect Progressive

Structure:

Affirmative

Subject + [have/has] + been (verb+ing).
I have been working at my job for 20 years.

Negative

Subject + [haven't/hasn't] + been (verb+ing).
She hasn't been working with me this week.

Question:

[Has/Have] + subject + been (verb+ing)?
Have you been studying?

Be careful! Choose "have" or "has" based on the subject of the sentence.

Function:

- actions that started in the past and continue in the present
- actions that have just finished recently, but the most important factor is the result (not the time).

Examples:

- We have been waiting for the report all morning!
- She has been studying English for 2 years.

To practice, write about the following:

- What have you been doing at work lately? How long has this project or process been happening?
- Describe a goal you have been working toward. What is it? What have you been doing to reach your goal?

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