

Present Perfect Progressive (Present Perfect Continuous)

Read the situations below and write a sentence using the present perfect progressive tense to say how long the situation has been happening.

For & Since

*Ex. The baby is crying. She started to cry twenty minutes ago.
The baby has been crying for twenty minutes.*

1. The tap is leaking. It started to leak last week.

2. It is snowing. It began to snow last night.

3. The children are studying now. They started to study an hour ago.

4. Willie smokes. He started to smoke when he was a teenager.

5. Andrea works in a bank. She got her bank job last April.

6. Mrs. Neville teaches French. She started to teach French 15 years ago.

7. Sue and Joe are planning their vacation. They started planning last winter.

8. The mechanic is fixing my car. He started working on it this morning.

Present Perfect Progressive Tense – Information Questions

Use the correct question word (who, what, where, why, how long) and the present perfect progressive tense to make information questions. The underlined words are the answers to the questions.

Ex. How long has Ben been working for that company?
Ben has been working for that company for twenty years.

1. _____

She has been talking to her mother for the past hour.

2. _____

Ruth has been waiting for Sara for over an hour.

3. _____

The boys have been playing tennis all afternoon.

4. _____

Annie has been waiting in the coffee shop for Robbie.

5. _____

She's been cooking all day because she's having a big party tonight.

6. _____

He's been walking to work all week because he wants to get some exercise.

7. _____

It's been snowing since last night.

8. _____

Mr. Jones has been living in our old apartment since we moved out.