

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

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PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS



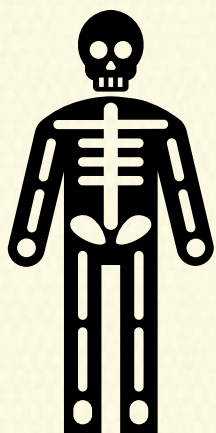
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HAVE PLAYED

IRREGULAR VERBS

Base form	Past Simple	Past Participle	Base form	Past Simple	Past Participle
be	was/were	been	know	knew	known
become	became	become	learn	learnt / learned	learnt / learned
begin	began	begun	leave	left	left
bite	bit	bitten	lend	lent	lent
bleed	bled	bled	let	let	let
break	broke	broken	lie	lay	lain
bring	brought	brought	lose	lost	lost
build	built	built	make	made	made
burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned	mean	meant	meant
buy	bought	bought	meet	met	met
catch	caught	caught	pay	paid	paid
choose	chose	chosen	put	put	put

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Continuous tenses – What do we need?

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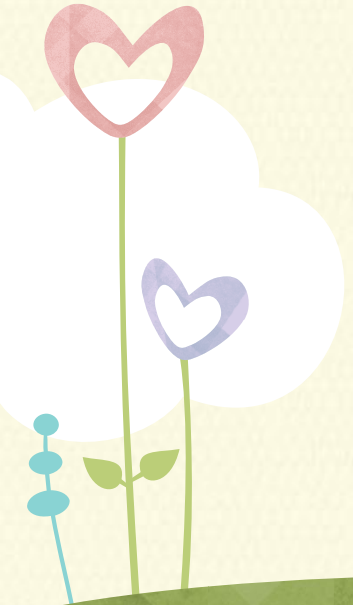
verb-ENDO

to be + verb - ING

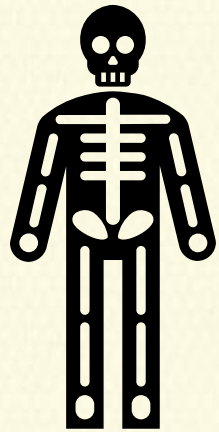
Carlos is sleeping.

Joana was reading.

Mohamed is having fun.



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to be



verb - ING



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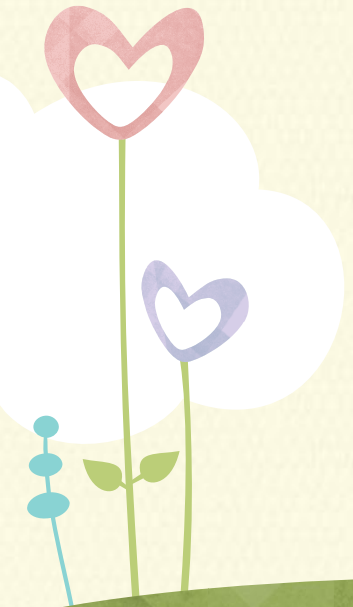


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- *Present Perfect **Continuous*** ressalta la **durada** de l'acció.

How long have you been talking on the phone?

I have been waiting for you all day!



What's the difference?



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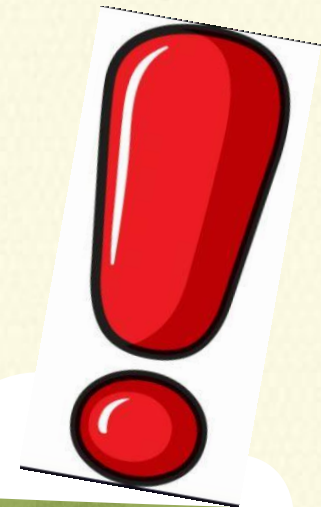
(*Accions separades.*)

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(*Acció ininterrompuda.*)

Be aware of the difference between **state verbs** and **action verbs**. State verbs can never be used with -ing and so can't be used in Present Perfect Continuous either.



MAGIC WORDS

- How many / much ... ? PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE
+ *yet; still; already; ever*

- How long ... ? PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

I 'VE READ THAT BOOK YOU LENT ME.

I finished it yesterday.

The **present perfect simple** (I've read) gives **the idea of completion**.

I 'VE BEEN READING THAT BOOK YOU LENT ME.

I've got another 50 pages to read.

The **present perfect continuous** (I've been reading) suggests that **something is unfinished**.

I ' VE WORKED HERE FOR THIRTY YEARS.

We can use the **present perfect simple** to talk about how long when we view something as **permanent**.

I USUALLY WORK IN LONDON BUT I ' VE BEEN WORKING IN GLASGOW FOR THE LAST 3 WEEKS.

The **present perfect continuous** is often used to show that something is **temporary**.

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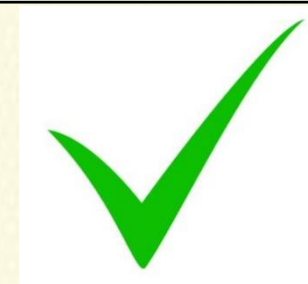


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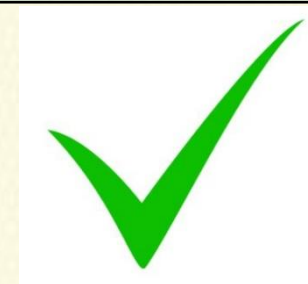


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Sometimes there's really **no difference** in meaning between the two tenses.

This is especially the case with verbs such as *'live', 'work' and 'study'*.

- They've lived in London **since** 2004.
- They've been living in London **since** 2004.
- I've studied French **for** ten years.
- I've been studying French **for** ten years.
- He's worked at the company **since** 2009.
- He's been working at our company **since** 2009.

