

# B1 English

## Present Perfect Simple Vs Present Perfect Continuous

## ► Present Perfect

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- ✓ *Present Perfect Continuous can be used to emphasize that a situation is temporary*



# Result vs Activity

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE	PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS
<b>Focuses on the result</b>	<b>Focuses on the activity</b>
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She's read ten books this summer.	She's been reading that book all day.
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I've written you an email this morning about our meeting.	I've been writing emails non-stop for hours.
I've seen the results and they are appalling.	<b>When we can see evidence of recent activity.</b>
Have they finished the meeting? It has scarcely rained this season. The champion has dominated every single race.	The grass looks wet. Has it been raining? I know, I'm really red. I've been running!

# Conversation

*-Hello?*

*-Hi John, it's Peter. Have you been studying today?*

*Yes. I have almost finished. Have you had lunch?*

*-Not yet. What about you? Would you like to meet for lunch.*

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- Who \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to invite?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to that song twice today.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ (not | forget) his books.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) Present Perfect correctly?.

# Exercises - ANSWERS

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- Have you eaten Thai food before?*
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- Who have we forgotten to invite?*
- We have listened to that song twice today.*
- He hasn't forgotten his books.*
- Have I explained Present Perfect correctly?.*