

# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

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# Formation

- I                    have been eating                    pizza.
- You                have been eating                    pizza.
- We                 have been eating                    pizza.
- Subject    +            have been + -ing                    ...
  
- **has** in 3rd person singular.
- He/She/It            **has** been eating                    pizza.

# Other forms

- Negative

I **have not (haven't)** been eating pizza.

but

She **has not (hasn't)** been eating pizza.

- Interrogative/Question

**Have** you been eating pizza?

but

**Has** she been eating pizza?

# Suffix -ing

- speak + -ing → speak**ing**
- (ending in e)  
like + -ing (no final e) → lik**ing**  
but  
be + -ing → be**ing** / see + -ing → see**ing**
- (ending in consonant after a short vowel)  
cut + -ing → cut**ting**
- (ending in ie)  
die + -ing → dy**ing**

# Usage

- **Present events started in the past**

I have been teaching here for 5 years.

She hasn't been shopping for ages.

- **Past activity with a present result/consequence**

It's wet. It has been raining.

He's all covered in paint. He's been painting.

# Key words

- since / for

I haven't been shopping since 2009 / for a year.

- just

I've just been talking about it.

- today / now / this week/month/year/... (denoting unfinished present time)

I haven't been waiting long today.