



Lesson 16

Present Perfect Continuous Tense

This is how we conjugate this tense:

Present Perfect of 'to be' + Present Participle Form of Verb

{subject} +	{have/has been} +	{present participle}
I	have been	working

Examples:

Paul **has been reading** for 2 hours.

She **has been doing** her homework.

We use the Present Perfect Continuous tense in two ways.

1. To talk about an event which started in the past and is continuing now. We often use the words 'for' and 'since' with this tense.

I **have been learning** English **for** six years.

My brother and his wife **have been living** in Paris **since** July.

2. We use it to talk about an event which lasted for some time and finished recently. The effects of this event are still apparent.

Why are you tired? I **have been running** for two hours.

I have been cleaning the house this weekend.

Why is the grass wet? **Has it been raining?**