

Present Perfect Simple vs Continuous

A. Match the sentence halves with their endings, then underline the correct verb form.

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| 1. Do you want a coffee? No | a. that I have ever <i>read / been reading</i> . |
| 2. Sam is sweaty because | b. he has <i>sunbathed / been sunbathing</i> all day. |
| 3. That was the best book | c. he has <i>run / been running</i> for an hour. |
| 4. Peter's skin is bright red because | d. <i>finished / been finishing</i> his homework yet. |
| 5. Gerald hasn't | e. thanks. I've just <i>had / been having</i> one. |

B. Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous form.

- Ann (just / have) her hair cut, and she looks completely different.
- Jim (act) very strangely recently. I hope he's okay.
- I think Alice (bake). The house smells like fresh bread.
- They've only been dating for a few months, and he (already / proposed).
- It was one of the most disgusting meals that I (ever / eat).
- I hope the bus comes soon. We (wait) for nearly an hour.
- I (never / be) to India, but I hope to go next summer.
- I (work) all morning and haven't had time for a break.
- I don't think you should have any more coffee. You (already / have) four!
- He (teach) for nearly forty years, and he has no intention of retiring.

C. Complete the sentences using one of the verbs below in the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous form.

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- They each other for years. They met while they were in college.
- He for the same company for nearly thirty years.
- I wish Tom would leave me alone. He me all morning.
- I'd better not have any more of these biscuits. I six.
- The baby for ages now. We should probably wake it up.

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Homework answers

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Exercise A

1. e, had
2. c, been running
3. a, read
4. b, been sunbathing
5. d, finished

Exercise B

1. has just had
2. has been acting
3. has been baking
4. has already proposed
5. have ever eaten
6. have been waiting
7. have never been
8. have been working
9. have already had
10. has been teaching

Exercise C

1. have known
2. has been working
3. has been calling
4. have had
5. has been sleeping