

Lesson 42

Perfect Continuous Tense

Definition: The perfect progressive tense (also called the perfect continuous tense) is used to say that an event or action is, was, or will be continually occurring (progressive) but that it is, was, or will be completed at a later time, or that it relates to a later time (perfect).

Pronouns	Active Voice		
	Sequence: Subject + have (has, had) + been + Present Participle		
	Present	Past	Future
I	have been teaching	had been teaching	shall have been teaching
he	has been teaching		will have been teaching
she	has been teaching		will have been teaching
it	has been teaching		will have been teaching
you	have been teaching		will have been teaching
we	have been teaching		shall have been teaching
they	have been teaching		will have been teaching

Pronouns	Passive Voice		
	Sequence: Subject + have (has, had) + been + being + Past Participle		
	Present	Past	Future
I	have been being taught	had been being taught	shall have been being taught
he	has been being taught		will have been being taught
she	has been being taught		will have been being taught
it	has been being taught		will have been being taught
you	have been being taught		will have been being taught
we	have been being taught		shall have been being taught
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Present Perfect Continuous Tense

Have you ever heard someone say, “I have been waiting here for hours!” or “It’s been raining all day!”? If so, you have heard someone speaking in the present perfect continuous tense, also known as the present perfect progressive tense.

The present perfect continuous tense is generally used to describe actions or conditions that began in the past but are still going on or have recently stopped.

Maker words in the Present Perfect Continuous Tense

<p>for + duration for two days for five years and ten months for several hours for a while for years for a long time etc.</p>	<p>Alice has been falling down the rabbit hole <u>for quite a long time</u>. She has been living in these impossible conditions <u>for over six years</u>. We have been staying at this cozy little hotel <u>for the past 32 years</u>.</p>
<p>all + duration all day all week the whole night all this time</p>	<p>Are you saying he has been cheating on me <u>all this time</u>? I've been doing this <u>all day long</u> , but I don't like the result.</p>
<p>since</p>	<p>Michael and I have been dating <u>since</u> the 7th grade. We've been selling cars <u>since</u> 1935.</p>
<p>lately</p>	<p>He has been feeling better <u>lately</u>.</p>
<p>recently</p>	<p>Trade has been stepping up <u>recently</u>.</p>

Remember: Sometimes in Present Perfect Continuous there are no maker words and indications of the length of time. In such cases, the duration of the action has to be guessed from the context:

- ❖ Alice has been falling for a man named Tony Rogers.
- ❖ I have been working out, that's why my T-shirt is wet.

Past Perfect Continuous Tense

The Past Perfect Continuous Tense (also known as the past perfect progressive tense) shows that an action that started in the past continued up until another time in the past.

Maker words in the Past Perfect Continuous Tense

for + duration for 3 hours for 20 minutes for some time	I had been driving <u>for 3 hours</u> when I heard a strange noise in the engine. They had been walking <u>for 20 minutes</u> when it started to rain. He said that he had been looking for me for some time.
since	They had been negotiating <u>since</u> May before they signed the agreement.
before	Sarah had been working there for five years <u>before</u> they fired her.
when	Grandfather George had been smoking for 40 years <u>when</u> he suddenly decided to quit.

Future Perfect Continuous Tense

The Future Perfect Continuous Tense, also sometimes called the future perfect progressive, is a verb tense that describes actions that will continue up until a point in the future.

Maker words in the Future Perfect Continuous Tense

for + duration for 2 hours for 3 weeks for 1 year	I will have been working on this project <u>for 2 months</u> by the end of this week.
by + time point by the end of the hour by the end of the morning by the end of the day by the end of the month by the end of the year	<u>By the end of this summer</u> she will have been studying Chinese for 4 years. <u>By the time</u> Bob retires, he will have been working in this company for 20 years.
until	You won't get a promotion until you have been working here as long as Tim.
before	How long will I have been driving <u>before</u> the moment we reach New York?
when	I will have been learning English for one year <u>when</u> I pass IELTS.

Remember:

Incorrect: You won't get a promotion until you ~~will~~ have been working here as long as Tim.

Correct: You won't get a promotion until you have been working here as long as Tim.

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