

Tenses #3: Present Perfect Continuous vs Present Perfect

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Right then, present perfect continuous and

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present perfect. Let's look at the

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formulation of the two tenses in the

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previous video. We looked at how to

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formulate present perfect continuous

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Let's remind you I have been playing

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tennis so the verb to be conjugated in

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the present perfect and then the main

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verb with ing you have been playing

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tennis he/she has been playing and

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they have been playing. Let's look at

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present perfect no continuous. So it's

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just the verb half and the participle

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I have played tennis

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you have played tennis he/she has played

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and they have played. Right let's

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look at usage first a reminder on when

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we use the present perfect continuous

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action that started in the past and is

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still in progress for example I've been

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studying all morning I've been doing the

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exercises since 11 o'clock. He has been

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driving for 5 hours. Let's look at some

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examples of the present perfect and how

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they're different from the ones you've

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just looked at. So the present perfect

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refers to a completed action an action

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that's complete at the time of speaking &

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it's not going on anymore.

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Look at the first example I've studied

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three sections until now. Let's look at

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the two sentences together so I've been

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studying all morning that means you

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started this morning and you're still

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studying within this time you have

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completed you have finished three

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sections. Now this is present perfect

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I've studied three sections until now

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next example I've already done half of

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the exercises let's look at the present

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perfect continuous I've been doing the

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exercises since 11 so you started at 11

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and you're still doing the exercises but

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within this time you have already

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finished half of them - present perfect

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I've already done half of the exercises

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and the last example he has driven 500

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kilometres so far. Look at the continuous

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form he has been driving for 5 hours. He

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is still driving within this time he has

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completed 500 kilometers of driving by

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the way so far is a synonym for until

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now. Let's look at the time lines. Now to

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make it perfectly clear for you what the

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difference is between the two tenses are.

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right

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Here's the timeline for present perfect

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continuous action that started in the

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past, has been going on until now it's

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still going on and will go on for a

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while

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Remember that you can refer to this

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tense with these two words "since" and "for"

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"Since" indicates the exact time that the

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action started in the past and "for" tells

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us how long the action has been going on.

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Let's have a look at the timeline for

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the present perfect and you will see

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that it will look very very different.

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Here's an action that happened in the

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past,

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it's a completed action at some point in

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the past we don't know exactly when or

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we don't want to say exactly when. What's

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important is that the action is complete

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now at the time of speaking. Right then,

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let's look at some common mistakes you

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may say or hear I have waited for half

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an hour because you're still waiting. The

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action is still going on you should use

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the present perfect continuous I have

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been waiting for half an hour the action

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is not complete yet. Let's look at

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another example you may hear or say he

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has slept since 9 o'clock once again

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because the action is going on is still

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in progress he is still sleeping we

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should be using the present perfect

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continuous he has been sleeping since 9

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o'clock sometimes you may make the

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reverse mistake, for example, you may hear

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or say it has been snowing twice this

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week.

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Now the word twice means 2 times

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indicates - finished completed actions

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it's

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not once stopped, it snowed again and

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stopped it's not snowing at the moment.

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Therefore we need to use the present

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perfect it has snowed twice this week.

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One last example to make sure you really

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got the difference between these two you

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may say she has been writing many books

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it's okay to say she has been writing

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for many years she is a writer but to

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say the number of books she has already

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written referring to completed books you

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need to use the present perfect she has

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written many books right that's it for

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our 3rd video. I hope you have found it

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