

PRESENT PERFECT PROGRESSIVE

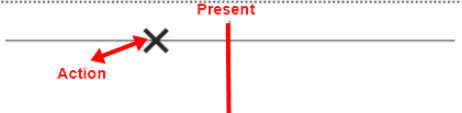
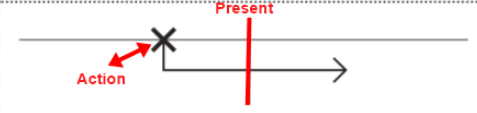
LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

In this video students will gain a greater understanding of the present perfect progressive tense and its practical use when constructing sentences.

The present perfect progressive, sometimes called the present perfect continuous is very similar to the present perfect. However, if you remember from the present perfect lesson the present perfect tense is a single action that started in the past and finished in the past or started in the past, continues to the present and "may" continue into the future.

Well, the present perfect progressive tense does continue into the future and so it's a kind of extension of the present perfect. It's a single action that starts in the past, continues to the present and "DOES" continue into the future. It covers all three periods, past, present and future.

See diagram below:

| | Present perfect | Present perfect progressive |
|----------------|---|--|
| Structure | Have or Has plus (+) a past participle | Have or Has plus (+) BEEN plus (+) ING (Gerund) |
| How it's used | It shows a finished action in the past but does not say when. | It shows an action that started in the past DOES continue to the present and DOES continue into the future |
| The Difference |  |  |

For example:

Steve and Renata **"HAVE BEEN LIVING"** in Brazil for ten years. This sentence means that they started living in Brazil in the past, they are living in Brazil now AND will continue living in Brazil into the future.

The difference between the Present perfect and the Present perfect progressive is simply the assurance that the action DOES continue into the future when we use the Present

perfect progressive. Look at the difference between these two sentences below:

Steve and Renata **HAVE LIVED in Brazil for ten years.**

- This sentence tells us that they have lived in Brazil for ten years and the time started sometime in the past. We can assume that they are still living there but we are not sure about future.
- Whereas, in the sentence below it's perfectly clear that they started living there in the past are still there now and intend to continue living there in the future.

Steve and Renata **HAVE BEEN LIVING in Brazil for ten years.**

More examples:

1. We **have been studying** Portuguese for ten years.
2. Renata **has been reading** Harry Potter for the last two months.
3. My car **has been running** badly for a few days. I am going to take it to a garage to be fixed.

Practice examples 4

Which of these sentences are "Present perfect progressive?"

1. Steve had run in many marathons by the time he wa 40 years old.
2. John went to the cinema last night.
3. Bill will have played golf for over twenty years by next December.
4. Did you play football last Saturday?
5. John and I have been playing golf together for years.
6. John and Bill have played football together for the last five years.
7. Renata will have lived in France for five years when she gets her visa.
8. The number 9 bus has been coming by our shop for the last 20 years.

The answers to these questions can be found in the downloadable document "Answers to questions"