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Present Perfect Continuous • Time expressions
Suffixes • Prepositions of time

Obsessions

Present Perfect Continuous

1 Present Perfect Simple or Continuous?

1 **T 10.1** Underline the correct form of the verb.



- 1 I've had / been having an accident with your car, Helen. I'm really sorry.
- 2 I don't believe it! Somebody has eaten / been eating my chocolates! They've nearly all gone!
- 3 I've waited / been waiting for you for ages! Where have you been?
- 4 I've broken / been breaking a glass. I'm awfully sorry.
- 5 How many biscuits have you eaten / been eating today?
- 6 A Why is your face so red?
B I've run / been running.
- 7 I have never met / been meeting a nicer person in my life.
- 8 How long have you known / been knowing Charles and Lisa?
- 9 He's written / been writing a book for nearly a year. It'll be finished soon.
- 10 He's written / been writing a book. I saw it in the bookshop.
- 11 The children are very quiet. They've watched / been watching videos all morning.
- 12 They've watched / been watching five videos already.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets, Present Perfect Simple or Continuous.

- 1 I'm exhausted! I've been working (work) all day, and I haven't finished (not finish) yet.
- 2 He _____ (have) a lot of jobs over the past few years.
- 3 Someone _____ (move) my car keys. I _____ (look) for them for ages, but I _____ (not find) them yet.
- 4 I _____ (shop) all morning, but I _____ (not buy) anything.
- 5 That's one of the best jokes I _____ ever _____ (hear).
- 6 A You're really dirty! What _____ you _____ (do)?
B I _____ (work) in the garden.
- 7 Everything's white! It _____ (snow).
- 8 I _____ (listen) to you for the past half an hour, but I'm afraid I _____ (not understand) a single word.
- 9 A Are you all right?
B No, I _____ (work) on the computer for hours, and I've got a headache.
- 10 I _____ (try) to lose weight for ages. I _____ (lose) five kilos so far.



2 Replying with questions

Complete the questions.

- 1 A Raoul is a singer in a band.
B How long has he been a singer?
How many records has he made?
- 2 A I'm learning to drive.
B How long _____ ?
_____ bought a car yet?
- 3 A Jamal is a teacher.
B How long _____ ?
How many schools _____ ?

- 4 A At last! You said you'd be here ages ago.
B I'm sorry. How long _____ ?
- 5 A Joey is getting married to Andy next week.
B How many _____ invited to the wedding?
How long _____ known Andy?
- 6 A What a surprise! I haven't seen you for years.
What _____ doing all this time?
B I've been abroad, actually.
A Where _____ been?
- 7 A Freya has been to the States several times.
B How many times _____ ?
- 8 A I'm moving to Mexico in a few months.
B Have you _____ to learn Spanish yet?
- 9 A My grandmother is on holiday at the moment.
B Where _____ ?
- 10 A She always goes to France for her holidays.
B How many years _____ ?

Simple and Continuous revision

3 Matching

Match a line in A with a line in B.

A	B
1 I think <u>a</u> I'm thinking <u>b</u>	a you're beautiful. b of moving to New York.
2 I get the bus to work. ____ I'm getting the bus to work today. ____	a My car's broken down. b It's difficult to park near my office.
3 She might study ____ She might be studying ____	a German when she goes to university. b in her room. The light's on.
4 He has ____ He's having ____	a a difficult time at work. b a very big family.
5 She cut ____ She was cutting ____	a her foot on a broken bottle. b the grass when it started to rain.
6 She must be washing ____ She must wash ____	a her hair. I can hear the water running. b her hair every single day!
7 I've written ____ I've been writing ____	a this letter since lunchtime. b three letters today.
8 Misha's gone ____ Misha's been going ____	a out with Anya for ages. b to Russia to see his family.



4 Simple or Continuous?

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets, Simple or Continuous. Look at the verb form or tense at the end for help.

- 1 We **were doing** (do) the washing-up when Julia **phoned** (phone). **Past**
- 2 Julia _____ (come) from Wales. **Present (all time)**
- 3 She _____ (come) to see us tomorrow. **Future arrangement**
- 4 She _____ (work) for an advertising company. **Present (all time)**
- 5 She _____ (work) for the same company for a year. **Present Perfect**
- 6 She _____ (have) the same boss for six months. **Present Perfect**
- 7 She _____ (have) a row with her boss again yesterday. **Past**
- 8 So now Helen _____ (want) to change her job. **Present**
- 9 She _____ (think) of working abroad. **Present**
- 10 Her parents _____ (not think) this is a good idea. **Present**
- 11 She'd like _____ (find) a job in the tourist industry. **Infinitive**
- 12 She should _____ (work) now, but she isn't. She's daydreaming. **Infinitive**
- 13 She _____ (go) to bed very late last night. **Past**
- 14 When she _____ (wake) up this morning, it _____ (rain). **Past**
- 15 She _____ (take) some aspirin now because she _____ (have) a headache. **Present**
- 16 She wants _____ (go) home. **Infinitive**
- 17 If she were at home, she would _____ (sit) in her kitchen having a cup of coffee. **Infinitive**

Time expressions

5 When Richard met Heather

Look at the information about Richard and Heather. Complete the questions and answers.

Richard

- age 0 Born 1975 in Oxford, England
- 11 Went to Cherwell School for six years
 - 18 Went to Bath University for three years
 - 19 Started going out with Helena
 - 22 Went to work in Madrid Feb-July 1997
 - 23 Broke up with Helena, Christmas 1998
 - 24 Got a job in a bookshop
 - 25 Married Heather 23 March 2001. Promoted to manager of the bookshop, autumn 2002
 - 26 Bought a house in Woodstock
- now**

Heather

- 0 Born 1972 in Melbourne, Australia
- 11 Joined a drama group. Start of a life-long passion
 - 18 Came to live in Britain, summer 1990
 - 19 Trained as a drama teacher for three years
 - 23 Taught in Hungary for two years
 - 24 Met and married Harry August 1996
 - 25 Had a daughter, Joanne, born 13 May 1997
 - 25 Came back to Britain with Joanne but without Harry 1997
 - 26 Divorced Harry
 - Started teaching in a school in Oxford Sept 1998. Met Richard Christmas 1998

now

1 When _____ ? In 1975.

2 How long _____ at Cherwell School?
Until _____.

3 How long _____ ? Three years.

4 How long _____ Helena? For
_____.

5 How long _____ in Madrid? _____.

6 Where _____ ? At a party.

7 How long _____ in the bookshop? Since
_____.

8 How long _____ manager? Since _____.

9 When _____ ? _____ 23 March 2001.

10 How long _____ they _____ in Woodstock?
Since _____.

11 How long _____ Heather _____ in
Australia? _____ she was eighteen.

12 How long _____ interested in drama?
_____ she was eleven.

13 When _____ meet Harry? While
_____.

14 When _____ married for the first time?
_____.

15 When _____ Joanne _____ ? _____.

16 How long _____ married to Harry? _____.

17 How long _____ in the school in Oxford? Since _____.

18 When _____ meet Richard? _____ Christmas time in 1998.



Vocabulary

6 Suffixes and prefixes

1 Make at least one new word with each base word using the suffixes and/or prefixes. Use your dictionary to help. Sometimes you will need to change the spelling a little.

Prefix	Base word	Suffix
un-	1 possible	-ful
	2 thought	
	3 agree	
	4 care	
in-	5 hope	-less
	6 conscious	
	7 human	
im-	8 success	-able
	9 polite	
	10 help	
dis-	11 understand	-ness
	12 taste	
	13 legal	
mis-	14 logical	-ment
	15 stress	
	16 popular	
	17 use	
	18 like	

- 1 **impossible** **possibility** **impossibility**
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____
- 15 _____
- 16 _____
- 17 _____
- 18 _____

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 The school bully was very **unpopular** with all of his classmates. (popular)
- 2 The situation was _____. Nobody could do anything to help. (hope)
- 3 Rudeness won't get you anywhere. _____ always pays! (polite)
- 4 Thank you very much for the information. You've been very _____. (help)
- 5 His plan to become a millionaire by the age of thirty wasn't very _____. His business went bankrupt last week. (success)
- 6 She's very sweet and polite, _____ her brother who is very rude. (like)
- 7 Don't _____ me. I really want to come to your party, but I can't. (understand)
- 8 I don't understand. I'm really _____ about what I eat and I've been doing exercise for weeks but it's all totally _____. I'm still overweight! (care, use)
- 9 He caused her a lot of _____ with that _____ comment about her looking awful at the wedding. (stress, thought)
- 10 My husband and I usually get on really well. We only ever have _____ about where to go on holiday. (agree)



Pronunciation

7 Diphthongs

! Diphthongs are two vowel sounds which run together.

near	/nɪə/	= /ɪ/ + /ə/	= diphthong /ɪə/
here	/hɪə/		
hair	/heə/	= /e/ + /ə/	= diphthong /eə/
share	/ʃeə/		

1 **T10.2** Write the words from the box next to the correct diphthong. There are two more words for each diphthong.

where	clear	stay	shy
weigh	know	sure	now
phone	bear	high	enjoy
poor	beer	noise	aloud

- 1 /ɪ/ + /ə/ = /ɪə/ near _____
- 2 /e/ + /ə/ = /eə/ hair _____
- 3 /e/ + /ɪ/ = /eɪ/ pay _____
- 4 /ə/ + /ʊ/ = /əʊ/ go _____
- 5 /a/ + /ɪ/ = /aɪ/ my _____
- 6 /ɔ:/ + /ɪ/ = /ɔɪ/ boy _____
- 7 /a/ + /ʊ/ = /aʊ/ how _____
- 8 /ʊ/ + /ə/ = /ʊə/ tour _____

2 **T10.3** Transcribe the words in the sentences in phonetic script. They are all diphthongs.

- 1 We caught the /pleɪn/ _____ to the /saʊθ/ _____ of /speɪn/ _____.
- 2 The /bɔɪ/ _____ in the red /kəʊt/ _____ said that he /ɪn'dʒɔɪd/ _____ the journey.
- 3 I've /nəʊn/ _____ Sally for /'ni:li/ _____ /faɪv/ _____ years.
- 4 She's /'weəriŋ/ _____ a red /rəʊz/ _____ in her /heə/ _____.
- 5 Not many people /sməʊk/ _____ /paɪps/ _____ these /deɪz/ _____.
- 6 He /laɪks/ _____ to /raɪd/ _____ a big black /'məʊtəbɑ:k/ _____.

Prepositions

8 Prepositions of time

Put the correct preposition of time into each gap.



- 1 Mozart wrote the tune 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' _____ a very young age.
- 2 I lived in Madrid _____ five years, _____ 1995 _____ 2001.
- 3 We never see our cat. He sleeps _____ the day, and he goes out _____ night.
- 4 I don't usually go out _____ the evening, except _____ Monday evening, when I play snooker.
- 5 A How long are you in Edinburgh for?
B _____ six months.
- 6 A How much longer are you staying?
B _____ the end of the month. Then I have to go home.
- 7 I'm just going out to get some lunch. If anyone rings, tell them I'll be back _____ half an hour.
- 8 Generations of my family have lived in this town _____ 1800.
- 9 Are you going away _____ Easter?
- 10 I met my husband in Wales. _____ the time I was working in a pub.