

PRESENT PERFECT: SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: How much **have** you **completed** so far?

Answer: I've **written** two pages. I've **been checking** the figures, so progress has been slow.

Remember: Simple: results, quantities and states. Continuous: activity or duration.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete each question with the tense matching its focus. Write a full answer with a detail.

1. How long _____ you _____ English? (study; activity)

Answer: _____

2. How many tasks _____ you _____ today? (complete; quantity)

Answer: _____

3. How long _____ you _____ a close friend? (know; state)

Answer: _____

4. _____ you _____ anything tiring today? (do; activity)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. you / have / been / learning / what / recently

2. so far / have / made / how much progress / you

3. you / have / owned / your current phone / how long

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. have / been studying - How long have you been studying English?

Sample answer: I've been studying English for five years, but I still find fast speech hard to follow.

2. have / completed - How many tasks have you completed today?

Sample answer: I've completed three tasks, including an application I'd been putting off.

3. have / known - How long have you known a close friend?

Sample answer: I've known one of my closest friends since school, and we still see each other regularly.

4. Have / been doing - Have you been doing anything tiring today?

Sample answer: Yes, I've been moving furniture all morning, so I need a break.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. What have you been learning recently?

2. How much progress have you made so far?

3. How long have you owned your current phone?

TEACHER NOTES

A1 and A4 specify an activity focus. Simple forms can be grammatical with a different emphasis.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.