PERFECT TENSES

1. **present perfect simple**

**FORMATION**

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| I | have | never | done | anything else in my life. |
| She | has | always | wanted | to become a teacher. |
| **SUBJECT** | **HAVE/HAS** |  | **PAST PARTICIPLE** |  |

**WHEN?**

* no stress on DURATION
* action is completely over and you look back from the present to the past.
* Meestal: verbs like: to want, to love, to like, …

**SIGNAL WORDS**

* I haven’t gotten my tests back **yet**.
* I have **already** missed class twice this year.
* I haven’t seen my mom **since** last year.
* I haven’t read a book **for** ages.
* Have you **ever** done something silly?
* I have **just/recently** bought a new car.

1. **exercise present perfect simple**

Two students see each other back at the end of the Christmas holidays. Complete the dialogue.

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| **Hanne:** | Hi there! How \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your holiday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (to be) |
| **Lotte:** | It \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to be) awful! I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to lose) my car keys, so I have to go everywhere by bike. Then, on Christmas evening I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to have) a mental breakdown because someone spilled wine on my new dress. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to hear) about a week this bad? |
| **Hanne:** | Oh, poor you! I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to have) an awesome week!  I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to be) on a last-minute trip to Norway, after I won the lottery. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to see) the Northern Lights, and found the love of my life on the scene. |
| **Lotte:** | Now you are just making me jealous. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (negative – to meet) the love of my life yet! |
| **Hanne:** | Do not worry, you still have time for that! I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to have) to go through some bad times as well before things started to work out for me! You’ll be just fine! |
| **Lotte:** | Oh no, look outside! Someone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to steal) my bike! |

1. **present perfect continuous**

**FORMATION**

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| I | have | been | doing | everything wrong today. |
| She | has | been | waiting | for her prince charming since she was a little girl. |
| **SUBJECT** | **HAVE/HAS** | **past participle of**  **to be = BEEN** | **ING-form** |  |

**WHEN?**

* when you want to stress DURATION
* action is NOT over and you look back from the present to the past.

**SIGNAL WORDS**

* I have been doing this **since** I was twelve years old. (vertaling: ik doe dit al **sinds** mijn twaalfde)
* I have been going to this school **for** ages. (vertaling: ik ga **al** jaren naar deze school)

1. **exercise present perfect continuous**

**Mark the signal words. Complete the sentences.**

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| 1 | It’s 9 o’clock and my father … (to play) the piano for four hours straight now. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 2 | I … (to think) about going to Paris for a long time now, and I finally booked a hotel. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 3 | I … (to work) since 8 o’clock this morning, and I still have to work until 5 tonight. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 4 | The FBI … (to investigate) this murder case for over a year now, and there still hasn’t been a breakthrough. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5 | We … (to wait) here since 6 AM but there’s still no sign of any special animal. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 6 | She … (to read) since last night and the sun is already out. Don’t you think she’ll be tired? | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 7 | We … (to drink) so much tea lately, but we can’t seem to get bored of it. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 8 | My nephew … (to travel) the whole world since 2015. He’s currently in New York City. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

1. **mixed exercises**

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| 1 | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to teach) English last year, but now I’m teaching Dutch. | The period is   * over * not over |
| 2 | She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to teach) English for three years now. | The period is   * over * not over |

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| 1 | I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to read) this book since last week. | The duration is   * stressed * not stressed |
| 2 | He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to read) this book twice. | The duration is   * stressed * not stressed |

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| 1 | They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to want) to do a quiz since the beginning of the schoolyear. | The verb is ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ |
| 2 | She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to act silly) since the beginning of the schoolyear. | The verb is ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’ |

**Mark the best option.**

1. I HAVE BEEN SEEING / HAVE SEEN this boy for three months now.
2. She HASN’T COPIED / HASN’T BEEN COPYING the pages yet, so I can’t start studying.
3. He HASN’T PAID / HASN’T BEEN PAYING attention for the past hour, so he probably won’t pass the test next Thursday!
4. They HAVE SOLD / HAVE BEEN SELLING their books last year, so they have to buy new ones.
5. We HAVE LAUGHED / HAVE BEEN LAUGHING at this joke for five minutes, and it wasn’t even that funny.

**Complete this story.**

Recently, it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to snow) in Maria's town. Maria \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to love – always) the snow. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to play) in the snow since this morning.   
Maria's dog, Sparky, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to play – never) in the snow before. This is Sparky's first snow. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to feel – not) the cold yet.   
Maria \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to receive – just) a new sled for Christmas. She put on her warm clothes and snow boots. Sparky \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to run) outside with Maria for an hour now. Sparky \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (to follow) Maria up the hill.   
He feels great!