

Enter the World of Grammar

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Revision

Present Perfect Simple Present Perfect Progressive

Dear Mum and Dad,

I hope you're fine. Eurocamp is great! There are children from many different countries here. We've been doing lots of interesting things since we got here. I'm sending you some photos.



Lunchtime! Since the beginning of this camping holiday we have been preparing traditional dishes at mealtimes! In this photo, the Spanish Team has prepared a big delicious paella and a lot of different salads. I have tasted delicious food from all over Europe! Last week, the Italian team made pizzas.



At the end of this camping holiday, each team is going to put on a play. My team has been rehearsing all week. We're getting better and better every day.



The leaders of our teams have been talking to us about pollution. I have realised that all countries must work together to control pollution. We have been cleaning the beach near our camping site all week. We have also made signs in different languages. You can see some of them in the photo.



In this photo, the party has just started. We had a great time! Everyone was wearing their national costume. We listened to music from all over Europe and danced all night!

I'll tell you more about Eurocamp next week, when I come home.

Love,
Peter

Read the letter and answer the questions.

1. What has the Spanish team prepared?

The Spanish team has prepared a big delicious paella and a lot of different salads.

2. How long has Peter's team been rehearsing?

3. What has Peter realised?

4. Have they been cleaning the camping site all week?

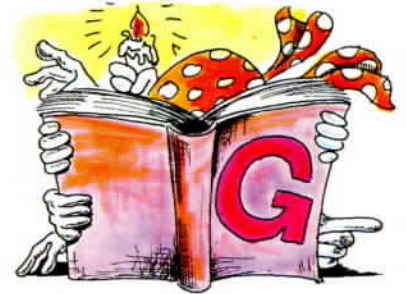
5. What did they do at the party?

Present Perfect Simple

I **have** (I've) **worked**.
I **have not** (haven't) **worked**.
Have I worked?

Present Perfect Progressive

I **have** (I've) **been working**.
I **have not** (haven't) **been working**.
Have I been working?



The Present Perfect Simple is used	The Present Perfect Progressive is used
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● for an action that happened in the past, but the time is not mentioned: I've visited that museum. ● for an action that happened in the past but its results are obvious in the present: Mary has had a haircut. ● for an action which started in the past and continues up to the present: How long have you owned this house? I have owned this house for three years. ● for an action which was completed recently. In this case we usually use just: She has just come out of the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● for an action which started in the past and continues up to the present. In this case we usually use for and since: She has been talking on the phone for half an hour. ● for an action which was happening in the past and may or may not have finished, but its results are obvious in the present: Mum has been washing the car. It's wet.

Time Expressions

already, yet, since, for, never, ever, this morning (this week, etc.), how long etc.	how long, for, since, all day, all morning etc.
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NOTE

Stative Verbs do not usually form the **Present Perfect Progressive**.

DIFFERENCES

<p>The Present Perfect Simple is used</p>	<p>The Present Perfect Progressive is used</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to emphasise the result of an action: She has studied hard this week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to emphasise the duration of an action: He's been studying all night.
<p>The Present Perfect Simple is used</p>	<p>The Past Simple is used</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for an action which happened in the past but the time is not mentioned: I've met her. for an action which started in the past and continues up to the present: She has lived in England for ten years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for an action which happened at a specific time in the past: I met her yesterday. for an action which started and finished in the past: She lived in England two years ago.



ACTIVITIES

A Communication - Pairwork

It has been a bad week for Alice. Look at the pictures. Ask and answer questions using the **Present Perfect Simple** and the **Past Simple**, as in the example.

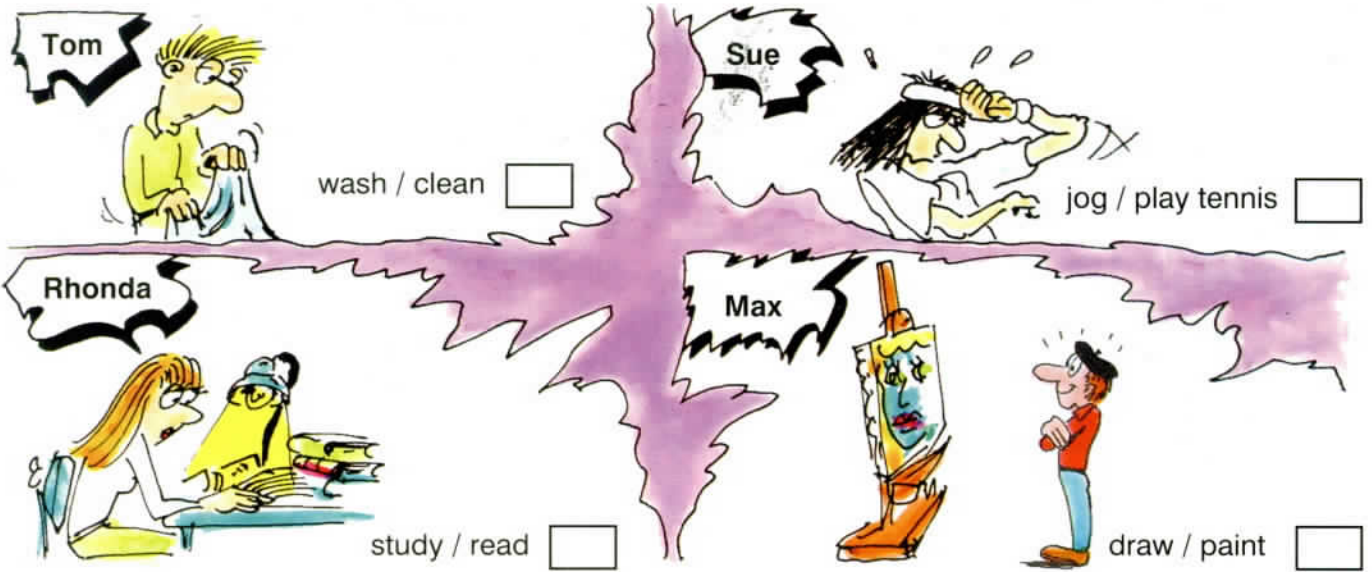


e.g. A: What has happened to Alice this week?
B: She has fallen down the stairs, ...
A: When did she fall down the stairs?
B: She fell down the stairs on Monday.

Now write sentences about Alice, as in the example.

1. *Alice has fallen down the stairs.* _____ *She fell down the stairs on Monday.* _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

B Decide what each person has been doing for the past hour and circle one of the two verbs, without showing your partner. In pairs, take turns to ask and answer questions as in the example, in order to guess what the people **have been doing**. Tick all the actions your partner guessed correctly and add up his / her score.



e.g. A: Has Tom been washing?
 B: Yes, he has. / No, he hasn't. _____ 's score is /4.
 (name)

C Put the verbs in brackets into the **Present Perfect Simple** or the **Present Perfect Progressive**.

Dear Mayor,
 My friends and I are writing this letter to tell you that we don't want the Progress Company to take our park and build a shopping centre in its place. The Progress Company has already put (already, put) up signs in the park showing the plan of the new shopping centre. The park is very popular as the council put in new equipment three months ago and many children _____ (play) there recently. Everyone in my neighbourhood _____ (try) to save the park for months and they _____ (not give) up yet. We _____ (put) up posters all over the neighbourhood for some time. Our parents _____ (talk) to newspaper reporters many times. They _____ also no-one _____ (try) to talk to the Progress Company twice but _____ (listen) to them yet.

Please help our neighbourhood save its park.
 The children of the Spring Park Neighbourhood.

Sandra Brown
 Mary Simon
 Michael Mera
 Tom Spark
 Tim Fay

D Write sentences about the people in the picture using the **Present Perfect Simple** and the **Present Perfect Progressive**, as in the example.



Name	Job		
Clara	makes hamburgers	2 hours	80 hamburgers
Marco	fries potato chips	1 hour	5 kilos of potato chips
Mike	prepares salads	3 hours	30 salads
Paula	takes orders	4 hours	150 orders
Pedro	cleans tables	2 hours	50 tables

1. *Clara has been making hamburgers for 2 hours.*

She has made 80 hamburgers so far.

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

E Put the verbs in brackets into the **Present Perfect Simple** or the **Present Perfect Progressive**.

1. **Kelly:** Look at Dennis! He's so dirty! Has he been playing (play) in the mud?

Brian: No, he _____ (not play) in the mud. He _____ (play) football.

2. **Tom:** Hi Sally! Where's Belinda? I _____ (wait) for her since 4 o'clock.

_____ she _____ (forget) about our date?

Sally: No, she _____ (not forget) about your date.

She _____ (go) to the dentist and is going to be late.

3. **Lisa:** I _____ (work) hard all week and I _____ (not see) Jill.

_____ you _____ (see) her? Is she still on holiday?

Debbie: No, she isn't. _____ you _____ (not hear)? She came

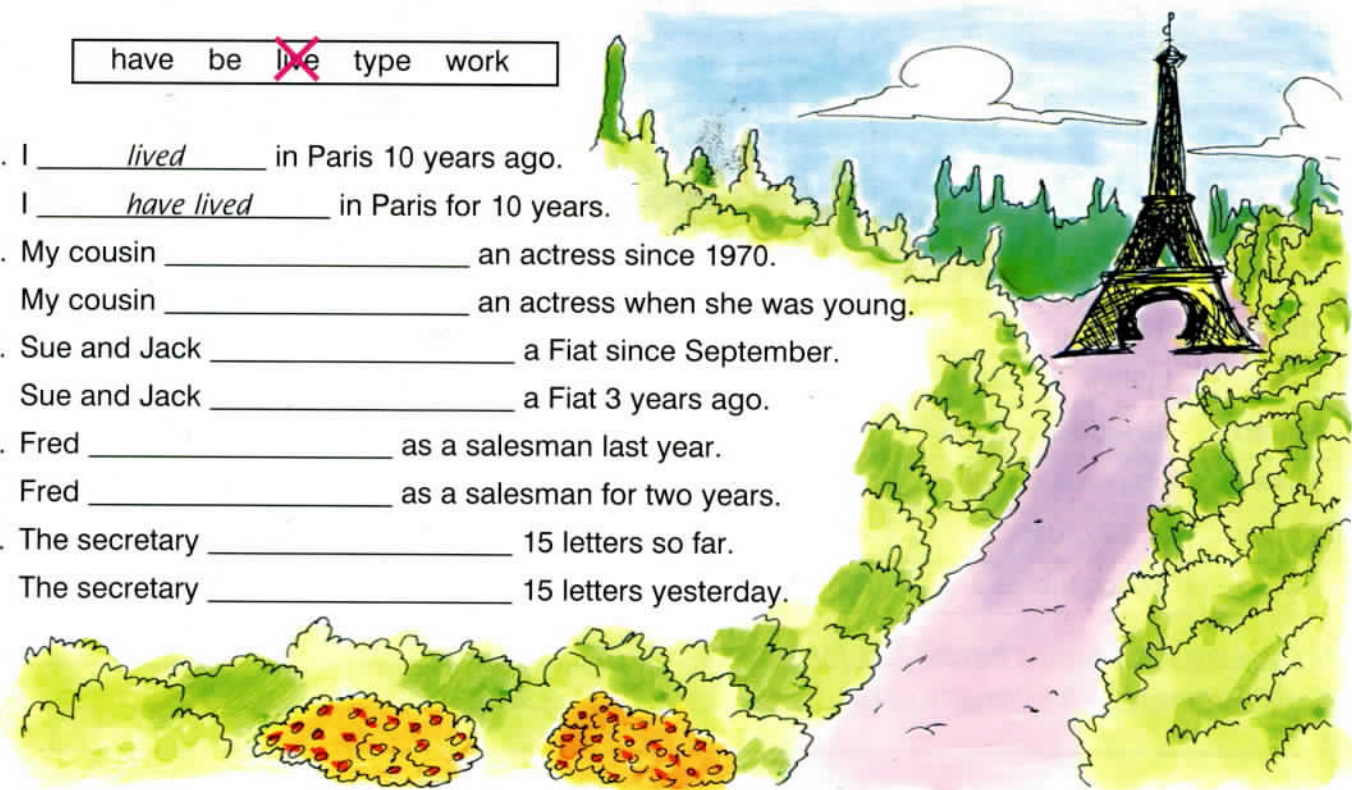
back on Wednesday but she's in hospital now. She _____ (break)

both her legs.

- F** Complete the blanks with the **Present Perfect Simple** or the **Past Simple** of the verbs in the box, as in the example.

have be ~~live~~ type work

- I lived in Paris 10 years ago.
I have lived in Paris for 10 years.
- My cousin _____ an actress since 1970.
My cousin _____ an actress when she was young.
- Sue and Jack _____ a Fiat since September.
Sue and Jack _____ a Fiat 3 years ago.
- Fred _____ as a salesman last year.
Fred _____ as a salesman for two years.
- The secretary _____ 15 letters so far.
The secretary _____ 15 letters yesterday.



- G** Tick (✓) the correct sentence.

- Brian is tired because he's trained all morning.
Brian is tired because he's been training all morning.
- She hasn't finished her homework yet.
She hasn't been finishing her homework yet.
- How long have you been knowing Mary?
How long have you known Mary?
- They paid the electricity bill yesterday.
They've paid the electricity bill yesterday.
- Cindy has been eating three hamburgers so far.
Cindy has eaten three hamburgers so far.
- I don't have my camera. Nick has borrowed it.
I don't have my camera. Nick has been borrowing it.
- Let's not see that film. I saw it before.
Let's not see that film. I've seen it before.
- Mario has just been leaving the office.
Mario has just left the office.

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