***PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS***

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| **PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE** | **PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS** |
| We use the present perfect simple:* **to describe an action which started in the past and continues up to the present, especially with state verbs (*have, like, be, know.*..) and *for/ since****.*

 They **have known** each other **for** a long time/ **since** they were children.* **for an action which has recently finished and whose result is visible in the present.**

 My sister **has just washed** the windows.* **for an action which has happened repeatedly within a specific time period which is not over at the moment of speaking** ( ***today/ this morning/ afternoon/ week/ month/ year.****.*.)

 I **have written** 10 letters **this morning**.**Time words:*** always/ never/ ever
* ever (since)
* recently
* lately
* so far
* how long?
* for/since
* already/ just/ yet
* before/ still
* up to now/ present
* this morning/ afternoon/ week

**Aff:** I **have** wash**ed**/ **bought****Neg:**  I **haven't** wash**ed**/ **bought****Questions: Have** you wash**ed**/ **bought ?****Short answers:*** Yes, I **have ,** Yes, he **has.**
* No, I **haven't. ,** No, he **hasn't.**
 |  We use the present perfect continuous:* **to put emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present (especially with time expressions such as** ***for, since, all morning/day/ week/ year****.*.)

 My mother **has been working** in the garden **for** 3 hours.* **for an action which is not finished,that is still going on**

 I'**ve been trying** to finish my essay for an hour but I just can't do it.**Time words:*** for/ since
* how long?
* lately
* recently
* all day/ night/ week/ morning/ year

**Aff:** I **have been waiting****Neg:** I **haven't been waiting****Questions: Have** you **been waiting ?****Short answers:*** Yes, I **have ,** Yes, he **has.**
* No, I **haven't. ,** No, he **hasn't.**
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**With the verbs *live, work, teach* and *feel* (= have a particular emotion) we can use either Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous with no difference in meaning.**

 We **have lived/ have been living** here for 10 years.

 She **has taught/ has been teaching** English since 2000.