

# Present Perfect Continuous Exercises

## Positive sentences

### A. Add the present perfect continuous form of the verb

Frank \_\_\_\_\_ lots of donuts. (eat)

→ Frank has been eating lots of donuts. OR Frank's been eating lots of donuts.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ Italian for three years. (study)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ at the school since 2021. (work)
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ tennis all afternoon. (play)
4. Ethan and I \_\_\_\_\_ how to play chess. (learn)
5. James \_\_\_\_\_ regularly this month. (exercise)
6. The kids \_\_\_\_\_ cartoons. (watch)
7. Emma and Liam \_\_\_\_\_ around Australia. (travel)
8. We \_\_\_\_\_ for the tournament. (prepare)
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting book. (read)
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ too much money. (spend)

### B. Make positive sentences

the / been / kitchen / cleaning / have / I → I have been cleaning the kitchen.

11. have / a / been / building / they / house / new
12. he / been / neighbours / helping / has / the
13. been / exams / their / passing / have / the students
14. working / have / hard / been / I
15. Jane / for / hours / two / cooking / been / has
16. living / in / 2018 / she's / since / London / been
17. been / discussing / they've / new / ideas
18. drive / learning / to / been / I've
19. the / doing / dishes / he's / been
20. we've / the / been / weather / warm / enjoying

# Answers

## A.

1. I **have been studying** Italian for three years. / I've **been studying** Italian for three years.
2. She **has been working** at the school since 2021. / She's **been working** at the school since 2021.
3. They **have been playing** tennis all afternoon. / They've **been playing** tennis all afternoon.
4. Ethan and I **have been learning** how to play chess.  
(NB: The contraction of "I have" is "I've", but we don't usually contract it if it's with another noun, so we don't usually write "Ethan and I've been learning".)
5. James **has been exercising** regularly this month. / James's **been exercising** regularly this month.
6. The kids **have been watching** cartoons.  
(NB: We don't contract nouns and "have" when we write, so we don't write "kids've".)
7. Emma and Liam **have been travelling/traveling** around Australia.  
(See A.6.)
8. We **have been preparing** for the tournament. / We've **been preparing** for the tournament.
9. I **have been reading** an interesting book. / I've **been reading** an interesting book.
10. He **has been spending** too much money. / He's **been spending** too much money.

## B.

11. They have been building a new house.
12. He has been helping the neighbours.  
(UK: neighbours; US: neighbors)
13. The students have been passing their exams.
14. I have been working hard.
15. Jane has been cooking for two hours.
16. She's been living in London since 2018. / Since 2018 she's been living in London.
17. They've been discussing new ideas.
18. I've been learning to drive.
19. He's been doing the dishes.
20. We've been enjoying the warm weather.