

Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous Exercises

Complete these sentences. Choose the best option between the present perfect and the present perfect continuous. Use short forms where possible.

Frank _____ a cake. There's flour everywhere. (make) → Frank 's been making a cake.

Frank and Ethel _____ their chores yet. (not finish) → Frank and Ethel haven't finished their chores yet.

Remember: "Frank's been" = Frank has been

1. I'm really tired because _____ all day. (study)
2. _____ he _____ already? (leave)
3. We _____ him since April. (not see)
4. She _____ three emails this morning. (send)
5. _____ you ever _____ snails? (eat)
6. Peter _____ in Berlin all his life. (live)
7. I _____ for my keys for half an hour. (look)
8. We _____ the kitchen, so it looks much better now. (paint)
9. Why are your hands dirty? _____ you _____ in the garden? (work)
10. They _____ each other for long. (not know)
11. Diana _____ too much coffee recently. (drink)
12. _____ she _____ the report yet? (complete)
13. We _____ our car for over ten years. (have)
14. How many films _____ you _____ this year? (see)
15. I _____ that book three times. (read)
16. I _____ this book since last week, but I still haven't finished it. (read)
17. They _____ the project yet. (not start)
18. How long _____ your sister _____ around Europe? (travel)
19. _____ it _____ constantly since this morning? (snow)
20. You look exhausted. _____ you _____ hard? (work)
21. We _____ for the bus for over twenty minutes. (wait)
22. She _____ all her money already. (spend)
23. Your eyes are red. _____ you _____? (cry)
24. This room stinks. _____ somebody _____? (smoke)
25. We _____ at least 10 km today. (walk)

Answers

1. I'm really tired because **I've been studying** all day.
2. **Has** he **left** already?
3. We **haven't seen** him since April.
4. She's **sent** three emails this morning.
5. **Have** you ever **eaten** snails?
6. Peter's **lived** in Berlin all his life.
7. **I've been looking** for my keys for half an hour.
8. We've **painted** the kitchen, so it looks much better now.
9. Why are your hands dirty? **Have** you **been working** in the garden?
10. They **haven't known** each other for long.
11. Diana's **been drinking** too much coffee recently.
12. **Has** she **completed** the report yet?
13. We've **had** our car for over ten years.
14. How many films **have** you **seen** this year?
15. **I've read** that book three times.
16. **I've been reading** this book since last week, but I still haven't finished it.
17. They **haven't started** the project yet.
18. How long **has** your sister **been travelling** around Europe?
19. **Has** it **been snowing** constantly since this morning?
20. You look exhausted. **Have** you **been working** hard?
21. We've **been waiting** for the bus for over twenty minutes.
22. She's **spent** all her money already.
23. Your eyes are red. **Have** you **been crying**?
24. This room stinks. **Has** somebody **been smoking**?
25. We've **walked** at least 10 km today.