

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS / PROGRESSIVE – Auxiliary – **HAVE** + **VERB TO BE 'BEEN'**



- Use:
- ✓ Actions that started in the past and continue up to now. Often interested in how long the action lasted.
 - ✓ Actions that have just finished, but our focus is on the result, often used with lately or recently.
 - ✓ For verbs not normally used in the continuous, the present perfect is used.

FIRST & SECOND PERSON (I, we, you, they)

Affirmative: **SUBJECT** + **HAVE** + **BEEN** + **ING VERB FORM** +
object, etc.

I, we, you, they + **have been playing** + football this morning.

THIRD PERSON (He, she, it):

Affirmative: **SUBJECT** + **HAS** + **BEEN** + **ING VERB FORM** +
object, etc.

He, she, it + **has been playing** + football recently.

Negative: **SUBJECT** + **HAVE NOT / HAS NOT** + **BEEN** **ING VERB FORM** + (object / place / time)

FIRST & SECOND PERSON: I, we, you, they + **haven't been playing** + football yet.

THIRD PERSON: He, she, it + **hasn't been playing** + football today.

Interrogative:

a. Yes / No questions: **HAVE / HAS** + **SUBJECT** + **BEEN** + **ING VERB FORM** + (object / place / time) ?

Have I, we, you, they + **been playing** + football today? Yes, they have. / No, they haven't.

b. W/H questions: **W/H QUESTION WORD** + **HAVE / HAS** + **SUBJECT** + **BEEN** **ING VERB FORM** + (object / place / time)?

What have I, we, you, they + **been doing** + this morning? They **have been shopping** at the supermarket.

PRESENT PERFECT:

Connection between the past & the present, but the action is finished, "He's written 16 books."

Used to say how often something has been done/ completed: "She's written 10 messages this morning."

How long, when we view something as permanent: "I've worked here for 30 years."

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS:

Focus is on an activity that is unfinished: "He's been writing his latest book all summer."

How long something has been happening. "She's been writing e-mails for 3 hours."

Used to show that something is temporary: "I usually work in London, but I've been working in Leeds for the last 3 weeks."