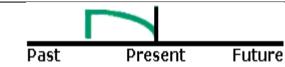
# PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS / PROGRESSIVE – Auxiliary – HAVE + VERB TO BE 'BEEN'



#### 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)

<u>Affirmative</u>: <u>SUBJECT</u> + <u>HAVE</u> + <u>BEEN</u> + <u>ING VERB FORM</u> + object, etc.

I, we, you, they + <u>have been playing</u> + 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 + <u>haven't</u> been playing + football yet. THIRD PERSON: He, she, it + <u>hasn't</u> 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."