

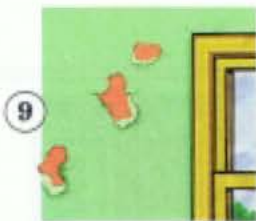


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Present Perfect Continuous Tense

- Discussing Duration of Activity
- Reporting Household Repair Problems
- Describing Tasks Accomplished
- Reassuring Someone
- Describing Experiences
- Job Interviews

VOCABULARY PREVIEW



1. ask for a raise
2. complain
3. date
4. direct traffic

5. do sit-ups
6. leak
7. look for
8. mend

9. peel
10. pick apples
11. ring
12. stand in line

How Long Have You Been Waiting?

(I have)	I've	} been working.
(We have)	We've	
(You have)	You've	
(They have)	They've	
(He has)	He's	
(She has)	She's	
(It has)	It's	



- A. How long have you been waiting?
B. I've been waiting for two hours.



- A. How long has your neighbor's dog been barking?
B. It's been barking since this morning.



1. How long has Yasmin been studying English?
eight months



2. How long have Mr. and Mrs. Green been living on School Street?
1994



3. How long has the phone been ringing?
two minutes



4. How long have you been feeling bad?
yesterday morning



5. How long have we been driving?
five hours



6. How long has it been snowing?
late last night



7. How long has Ted been having problems with his back?
high school



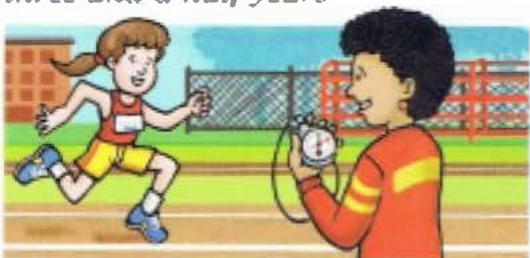
8. How long have you been practicing the piano?
half an hour



9. How long have Barry and Susan been dating?
three and a half years



10. How long has your baby son been crying?
early this morning

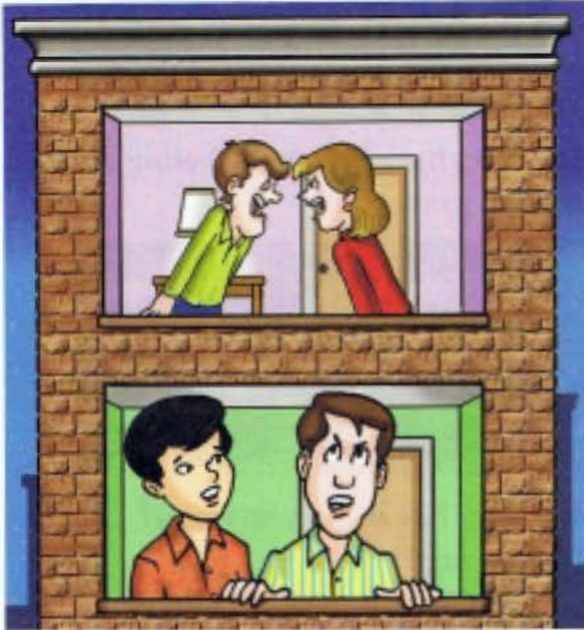


11. How long have I been running?
twenty minutes



12. How long have we been jogging?
about an hour

They've Been Arguing All Day



Have	{	I we you they	}	been working?
Has	{	he she it	}	

- A. What are your neighbors doing?
 B. They're arguing.
- A. Have they been arguing for a long time?
 B. Yes, they have. They've been arguing all day.

Or: all morning / all afternoon / all evening / all night



1. *you studying*



2. *Gary exercising*



3. *Brenda waiting for the bus*



4. *your parents watching the news*



5. *your car making strange noises*



6. *Officer Lopez directing traffic*



7. *Jim looking for his keys*

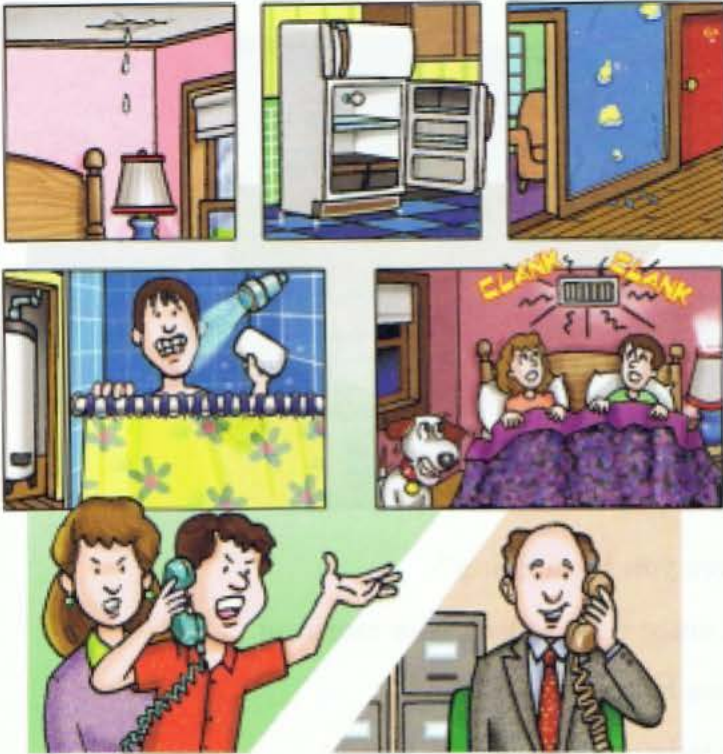


8. *you and your friends standing in line for concert tickets*



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READING



APARTMENT PROBLEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Banks have been having a lot of problems in their apartment recently. For several weeks their bedroom ceiling has been leaking, their refrigerator hasn't been working, and the paint in their hallway has been peeling. In addition, they have been taking cold showers since last week because their water heater hasn't been working, and they haven't been sleeping at night because the heating system has been making strange noises.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks are furious. They have been calling the manager of their apartment building every day and complaining about their problems. He has been promising to help them, but they have been waiting for more than a week, and he still hasn't fixed anything at all.

✓ READING CHECK-UP

Q & A

Mr. and Mrs. Banks are calling the manager of their apartment building for the first time about each of the problems in their apartment. Using this model, create dialogs based on the story.

- A. Hello.
- B. Hello. This is Mrs. Banks.
- A. Yes, Mrs. Banks. What can I do for you?
- B. We're having a problem with our bedroom ceiling.
- A. Oh? What's the problem?
- B. It's leaking.
- A. I see. Tell me, how long has it been leaking?
- B. It's been leaking for about an hour.
- A. All right, Mrs. Banks. I'll take care of it as soon as I can.
- B. Thank you.



How About You?



Have you been having problems in your apartment or house recently? Tell about some problems you've been having.

No Wonder They're Tired!



- A. You look tired. What have you been doing?
- B. I've been writing letters since nine o'clock this morning.
- A. Really? How many letters have you written?
- B. Believe it or not, I've already written fifteen letters.
- A. You're kidding! Fifteen letters?! NO WONDER you're tired!



- A. Anthony looks tired. What has he been doing?
- B. He's been making pizzas since ten o'clock this morning.
- A. Really? How many pizzas has he made?
- B. Believe it or not, he's already made seventy-five pizzas.
- A. You're kidding! Seventy-five pizzas?! NO WONDER he's tired!