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Present Perfect Continuous

(In italiano non esiste un tempo corrispondente.)

I have been working	= *(Io ho lavorato)*
You have been working	= *(Tu hai lavorato)*
He has been working	= *(Egli ha lavorato) ecc.*

Forma Positiva

I	have been	working
you	have been	working
he	has been	working
we	have been	working
you	have been	working
they	have been	working

Forma Interrogativa

have	I	been working?
have	you	been working?
has	he	been working?
have	we	been working?
have	you	been working?
have	they	been working?

Forma Negativa

I	have not been	working
you	have not been	working
he	has not been	working
we	have not been	working
you	have not been	working
they	have not been	working

Forma Contratta

I	haven't been	working
you	haven't been	working
he	hasn't been	working
we	haven't been	working
you	haven't been	working
they	haven't been	working

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Il "Present Perfect Continuous" è usato per esprimere un'azione che cominciò nel passato e che continua nel presente.
Si usa spesso con le preposizioni "since" e "for".

since = *da (è seguito da un punto nel tempo)*

Abel was studying at four o'clock.

+   He is studying now.

=   He has been studying since four o'clock.

for = *per (è seguito da un periodo di tempo)*

Debra was playing the piano two hours ago.

+   She is playing the piano now.

=   She has been playing the piano for two hours.

>   Abel has been studying history since half past three.

Debra has been playing the piano for two hours.

Margaret has been waiting for Tom since ten o'clock.

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since = *da*

>   Mrs Paganini has been working in the garden since nine o'clock.

The Wilsons have been living in Florence since 2005.

George has been working in London since he was twenty.

for = *per*

>   Mrs Paganini has been working in the garden for two hours.

The Paganini family has been living in Florence for five years.

George has been working in London for many years.

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nota importante

Mark has run for 2 hours.

> *(vuol dire: Mark ha corso per 2 ore... ma ora ha smesso.)*

> Mark has been running for 2 hours.

(vuol dire: Mark ha corso per 2 ore... e sta ancora correndo.)

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How long?   = *Per quanto tempo?*

Osserva l'uso del "Present Perfect Continuous" nelle frasi che seguono:

- How long have you been studying English?
- I have been studying English since I was eleven.

- How long have you been watching TV?
- I have been watching TV for an hour.

- How long has it been raining?
- I think it has been raining for more than two hours.

- How long has Mr Wilson been living in Florence?
- He has been living in Florence for five years.

- How long has Robert been working at the car factory?
- He has been working there since he was twenty-four.

- How long has Millie's mother been saying that Robert is a little strange?
- She has been saying it for many years.