

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE

I **have** played / **written**
Have I **played** / **written**?
I **haven't** played / **written**

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

I **have been** playing / **writing**
Have I **been** playing / **writing**?
I **have not been** playing / **writing**

action which started in the past and continues up to the present or which has happened within a time period that is not over at the moment of speaking

eg. Jane **has had** the dog for 3 years.
This author **has written** five great novels. (He/She is still alive.)

to give emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present

eg. They **have been talking** on the phone for an hour.

action recently finished whose result is visible in the present

eg. She **has** just **washed** her hair.
(The result is that her hair is wet.)

action which lasted for some time in the past, it is now finished but its results are visible in the present

eg. Her head hurts. She **has been working** hard all day.

action which happened at an unstated time in the past

eg. The Robinsons **have bought** a new house.

to express anger or annoyance

eg. Who **has been using** my make-up?



have been to they have come back
have gone to they haven't come back
have been in they live there now

- eg. • I **have been** to Spain twice. / Where **have you been**?
• Where is your mom? She **has gone** to the supermarket.
• They **have been** in London for the last 5 years.



live, work, study, teach
Present Perfect Simple or Continuous with no difference in meaning

eg. I **have studied** English for 10 years. / I **have been studying** English for 10 years.