

Present perfect simple and continuous 2

A Match the beginning of each sentence with its correct ending, a or b.

Example:

I've lived in Birmingham a) so that's why you haven't seen me recently.
 I've been living in Birmingham b) and London as well.

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| 1 I've driven | a) most sorts of cars. |
| 2 I've been driving | b) most of my life. |
| 3 He's stood there | a) many times before. |
| 4 He's been standing there | b) all afternoon. |
| 5 I've read the paper | a) and there's an interesting article on pollution. |
| 6 I've been reading the paper | b) so I think I'll take a walk now. |
| 7 She's typed the report | a) so I can give it to you now. |
| 8 She's been typing the report | b) so it should be finished by Monday. |
| 9 I haven't slept well | a) so I really must see the doctor. |
| 10 I haven't been sleeping well | b) so I'll take a rest this afternoon. |
| 11 I've dug the garden | a) so I'm covered in mud. |
| 12 I've been digging the garden | b) and planted all the lettuces. |

B Write four sentences using a phrase from both boxes each time.

I've been reading I've read	this book all day. about half this book today. this book, but I haven't finished it yet. this book, but I don't remember exactly when.
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- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____

C Write present perfect simple or present perfect continuous in the correct sentences.

Example:

When you use the present perfect simple, the action is often complete.

- 1 When you use the _____, the action often continues.
- 2 You can use the _____ if the action happened at any time.
- 3 The _____ always refers to an action just before now.
- 4 You use the _____ when you are most interested in how long something took to do.
- 5 You use the _____ when you are most interested in the result of the action.