

**Present perfect continuous (I have been doing)****A) Form of the Tense :-**

I /we/they/you + have + been +(v) ing + complement of the sentence.

Examples :-

- I have been talking to Amanda and she agrees with me.

he/she/it + has+ been + V ing + complement of the sentence.

Examples :-

It has been raining.

**B) Uses of the present Perfect Continuous:-**

- 1- We use the present perfect continuous for an activity that has recently stopped or just stopped:

Examples :-

- Why are you out of breath. Have you been running?
- Paul is very tired. He's been working hard.
- Why are you so tired? What have you been doing?
- I've been talking to Amanda and she agrees with me.
- Where have you been? I've been looking for you.
- It's been raining for two hours (It began raining two hours ago and it is still raining).
- How long has it been raining? It's been raining for two hours. (= It has been ...).

- 2- We use the present perfect continuous in this way, especially with how long, for ... and since ... . The activity is still happening (as in this example) or has just stopped

**Examples:-**

- How long have you been learning English? (= you're still learning English).
- Ben is watching TV. He's been watching TV all day.
- Where have you been? I've been looking for you for the last half hour.
- Chris hasn't been feeling well recently.

Compare I am doing and I have been doing:

I am doing

present continuous

now

- Don't disturb me now. I'm working.
- We need an umbrella. It's raining.
- Hurry up! We're waiting

## **I have been doing**

present perfect continuous → now

I've been working hard. Now I'm going to have a

The ground is wet. It's been raining.

We've been waiting for an hour