

Topic 7/10/11

Present Tenses

Past Tenses



Revision

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

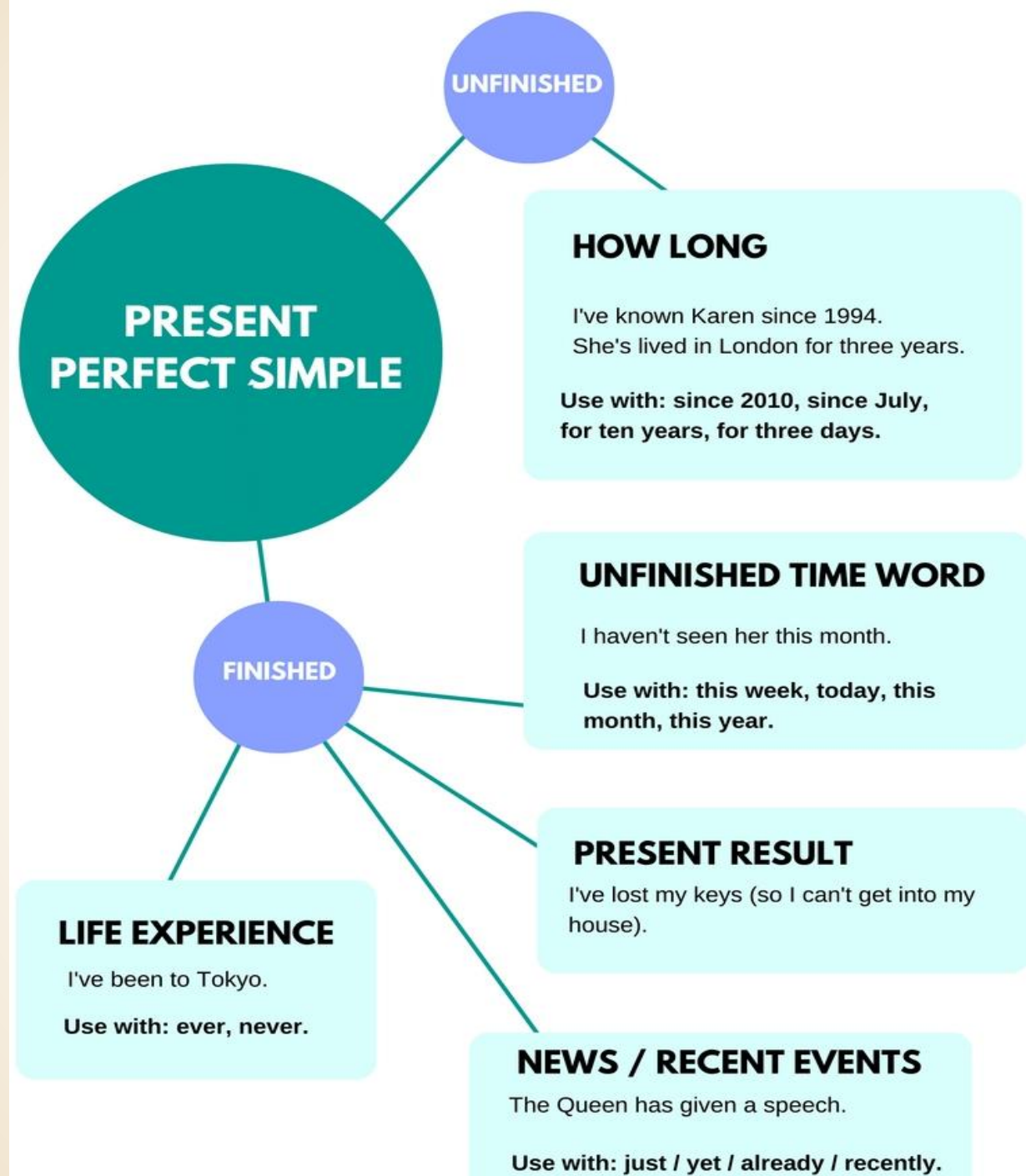


PRESENT SIMPLE



	Present Simple		Present Continuous
	I, we, you, they	he, she, it	
+	V	V + s (es)	am is + V ing are
-	don't + V	doesn't + V	am is + not + V ing are
?	Do + ... + V?	Does + ... + V?	Am Is + ... + V ing ? Are

Present Perfect (Simple)





We form the present perfect tense
with **have / has + past participle.**

I	have	eaten	an apple.
You			
We			
They			

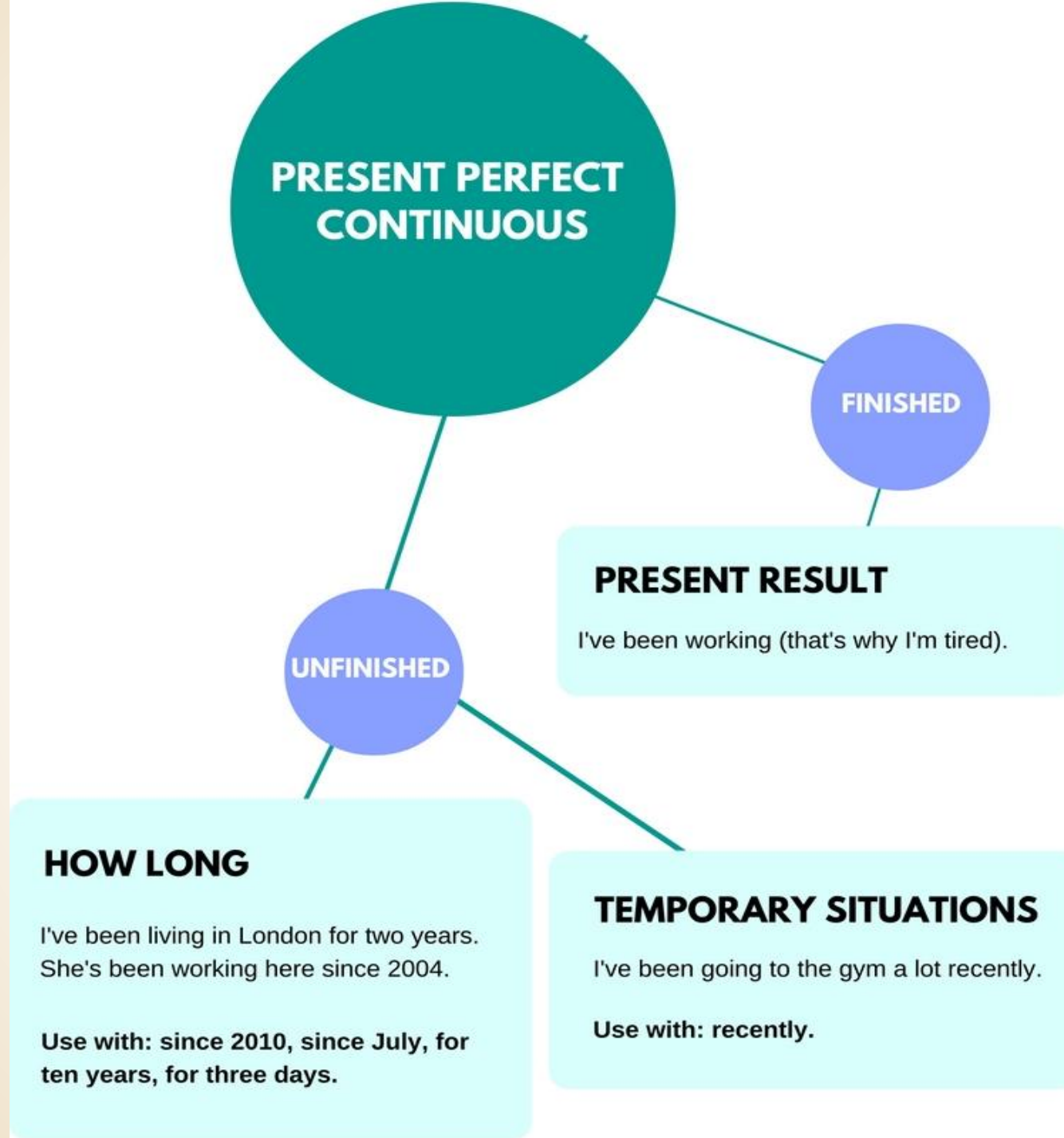
He	has	eaten	an apple.
She			
It			
John			

Indicators

**Already +
Yet - / ?
Ever ?
Never -
Just
Recently
Since
For**

- I have already cooked dinner.
- Have you cooked dinner **yet**?
- I haven't cooked dinner **yet**.
- Have you **ever** cooked lamb?
- I have **never** cooked lamb.
- I have **recently** cooked lamb.
- I have studied English **since** 2005.
- I have studied English **for** 8 years.

Present Perfect Continuous





- **Sub + has/have + V (3)**
- **He has written an essay.**



- **Sub + has/have + not + V (3)**
- **He has not written an essay.**



- **Has/have + Sub + V (3) + ?**
- **Has he written an essay.?**

Typical time expressions that are used with the present perfect continuous include:

all day

for

since

all morning

lately

for days

for ages

already

recently

yet

Compare :

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

Subject + **HAVE / HAS BEEN** + **Verb-ing** + Object



PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

Subject + **HAVE / HAS** + **Verb-3** + Object

Present Perfect or Present Perfect Continuous

Exercise 1

Put the verb between brackets in the correct tense. Use the present perfect continuous when possible, and use the present perfect simple elsewhere:

1. I (lose) my key. Can you help me look for it ?
2. I (read) the book you gave me, but I
..... (not finish) it yet.
3. "Sorry, I'm late !" - "That's all right. I (not wait) long."
4. I (clean) the windows. So far I
..... (clean) five of them. There are only two more to do.
5. There's a strange smell in here. (you / cook) something ?

Exercise 2

Complete the sentences with a verb from the list. Choose the correct tense (present perfect simple or present perfect continuous):

be * break off * do * fail * have * see * sit * study * work

1. John's terribly upset. He his engagement to Vanessa. Apparently, she someone else.
2. What's that dent in the side of your car ? you an accident ?
3. Your Italian is very good. you it long ?
4. I'm not surprised he that exam. He not hard recently.
5. How many times Sean late for work this week ?
6. I'm going to give that cat some food. It on the doorstep for hours. It must be starving.
7. I grammar exercises all morning. I deserve a treat for lunch.

*Past Simple
and
Past Continuous*

FINISHED TIME WORD

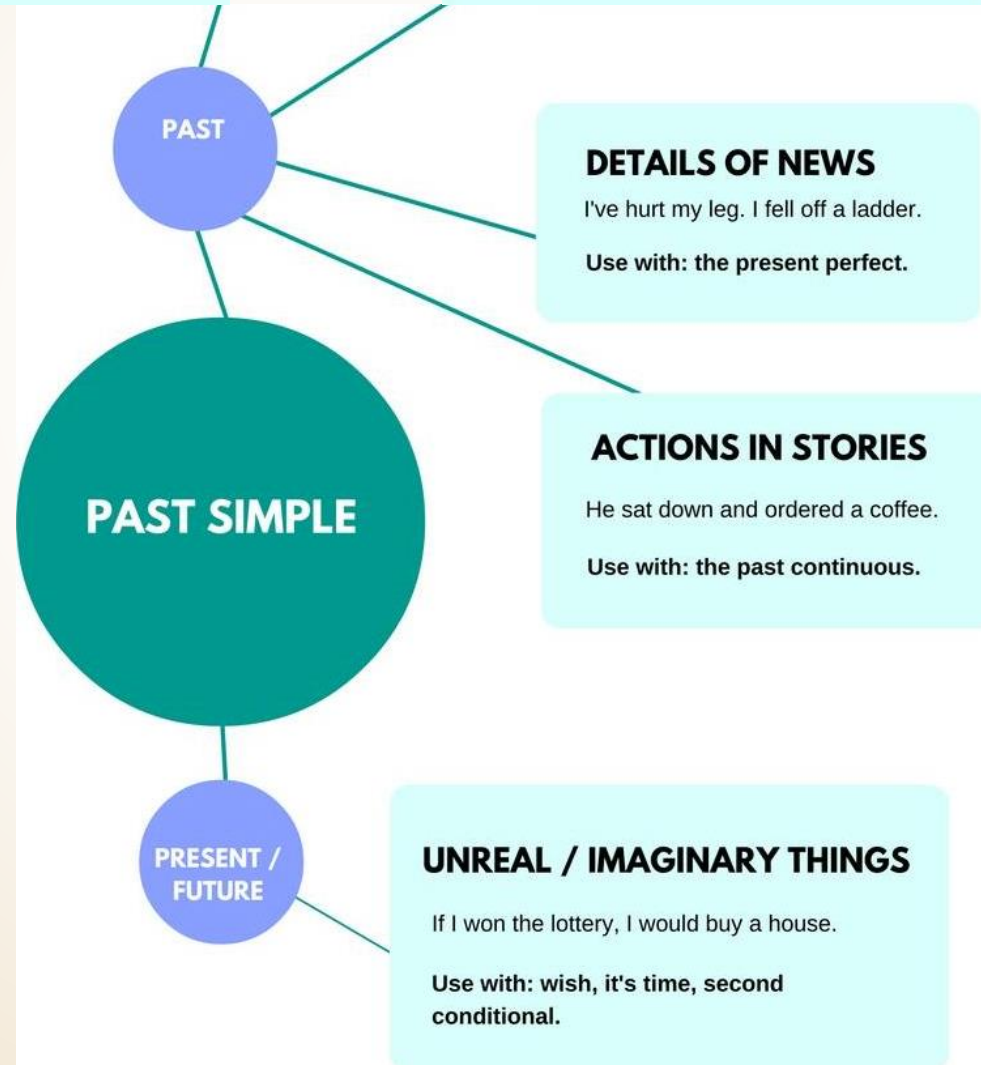
I went to the cinema yesterday.

Use with: yesterday, last night, in 2003, 6 months ago.

FINISHED TIME PERIOD

Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.

Past Simple



TO BE



S + Was/were

They were friends.



S + was not/were not + ...

They weren't friends.



Was/Were + S + ...?

They weren't friends.

VERBS

S + V-ed

She worked yesterday.

S + did not + verb (base form)

She didn't work yesterday.

Did + S + verb (in base form)?

Did she work yesterday?

- ▶ Yesterday
- ▶ Last week
- ▶ Last month
- ▶ One week ago
- ▶ Two months ago
- ▶ Three years ago
- ▶ Yesterday
- ▶ Yesterday morning

- ▶ In 1990
- ▶ The day before yesterday
- ▶ In March
- ▶ On Sunday
- ▶ When I was born



Past Continuous

OVERLAPPING ACTION

I was walking to the station when I met John.

Use with: when + past simple, two o'clock, 7pm.

STORY BACKGROUND

The birds were singing and the sun was shining. Amy sat down.

Use with: the past simple.

SOME PAST HABITS

She was constantly singing.

Use with: always, forever, constantly, at that time, in those days.

EMPHASIS OF LENGTH OF ACTION

I was working in the garden all day.

Use with: all day, all evening, for hours.

PAST CONTINUOUS



- **Sub + was/were + V1(-ing)**
- **He was traveling to Venice.**



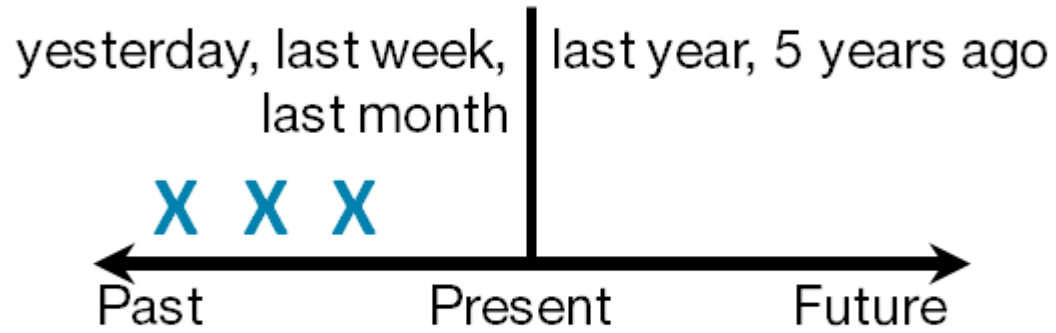
- **Sub + was/were + not + V1(-ing)**
- **He was not traveling to Venice.**



- **Was/were + Sub + V1(-ing) + ?**
- **Was he traveling to Venice?**

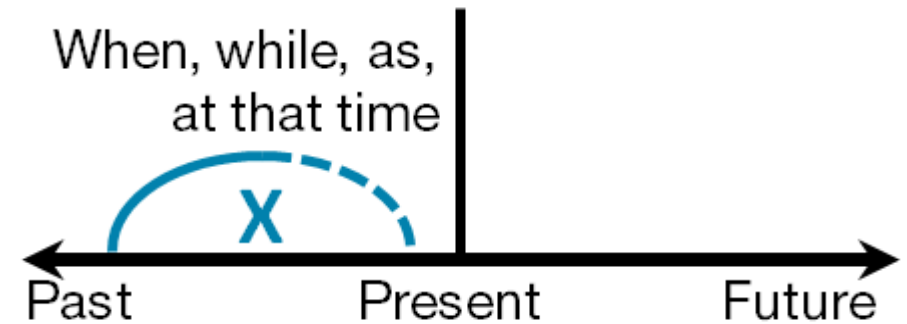
Compare :

Past Simple Tense



Verb + ed or Irregular V2.

Past Continuous Tense



(was / were) + V-ing



Past Perfect (Simple)

ACTION FINISHED BEFORE ANOTHER PAST ACTION

When we arrived, the film had started.

Use with: **when + past simple, June, last Tuesday.**

HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

When he graduated, he had been in London for six years.

Use with: **when + past simple, for + time.**

PAST PERFECT

UNREAL THINGS IN THE PAST

I wish I hadn't gone to bed so late!

Use with: **third conditionals, wish.**

had + past participle

When do we use Past Perfect Tense?

The **past perfect** takes place before another **past action**.

Example:

I **noticed** that he **had left** his books behind.


past action


past perfect

Past Perfect Continuous

PAST PERFECT CONTINUOUS

HOW LONG TO A POINT IN THE PAST

She had been working at that company for a year when she met James.

Use with: when + past simple, for + time.

RESULT AT A TIME IN THE PAST

The pavement was wet. It had been raining.

Use with: the past simple.



S + had + been + V-ing

They had been playing tennis.



S + had not/ hadn't + been + V-ing

They hadn't been playing tennis.

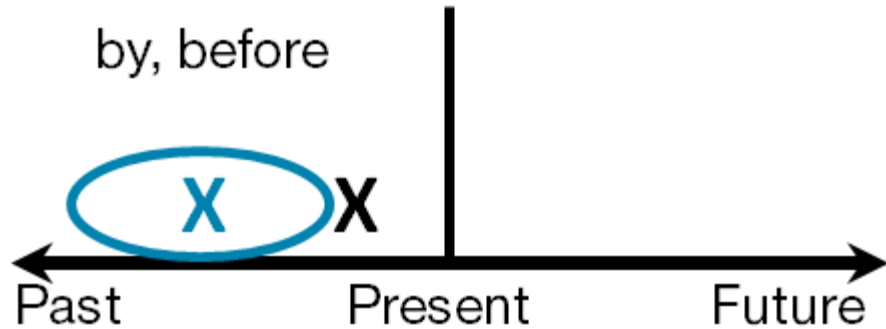


Had + S + been + V-ing ?

Had they been playing tennis?

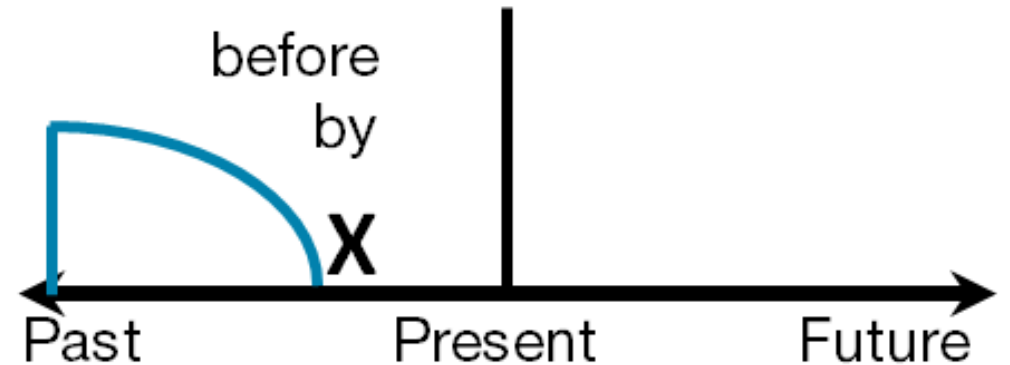
Compare :

Past Perfect Tense



had + Past Participle

Past Perfect Continuous Tense



had been + Verb-ing

Past Simple or Past Continuous

- 1. He ... the book and ... to read. (open, start)
- 2. We ... the film, when suddenly the electricity ... off. (enjoy, go)
- 3. When she ... the news, she ... to cry. (hear, begin)
- 4. Everyone ... quietly. Suddenly they ... a noise. (talk, hear)
- 5. When I ... the doorbell, I ... downstairs. (hear, run)
- 6. The students ... a test when the bell ... (write, ring)



PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE OR CONTINUOUS

Put the verbs in brackets in either the *Present Perfect Simple* or the *Present Perfect Continuous*.

1. I _____ (take) a French course for 5 months and the teacher says I am a fast learner.
2. A) Someone _____ (leave) the ladder outside, look.
3. B) I expect that's Brian. He _____ (clean) windows. And I don't think he _____ (finish) yet.
4. Ayşe _____ (take) driving lessons and next week she is going to take a driving test.
5. I _____ (live) in Sue's flat and when I find a new house, I will move.
6. Please don't go in. I _____ just _____ (sweep) the floor.
7. I _____ (eat) 8 chocolates up to now.
8. A- Are you hungry?
B- No, I'm not. I _____ (eat) chocolates all day.
9. The young children _____ (make) a snowman all morning.
10. I _____ (break) my arms twice within 2 years.
11. I'm tired. I _____ (play) tennis all afternoon.