

# The present perfect and present perfect continuous tense exercise

Complete the following sentences using a present perfect or present perfect continuous tense.

Tip

The present perfect tense is used to denote completion. The present perfect continuous tense is used to show continuity.

1. It ..... continuously since morning.

has been raining

is raining

was raining

2. We ..... them twice, but they ..... us yet.

visited, did not visit

have been visiting, have not visited

have visited, have not visited

3. I ..... him in a long time.

was not meeting

have not met

have not been meeting

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4. The children are hungry. They .....  
in the garden for hours.

- are playing
- have been playing
- were playing

5. We ..... each other since our school  
days.

- know
- knew
- have known

6. .... you ..... the job?

- Did, complete
- Had, completed
- Have, completed

7. Her health ..... considerably.

- had improved
- have improved
- has improved

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8. He ..... a permit.

- was obtaining
- have obtained
- has obtained

9. Those who ..... their work can go home.

- are finishing
- have finished
- has finished

10. This is the fifth time you ..... that question.

- are asking
- have asked
- have been asking

## Answers

1. It has been raining continuously since morning.
2. We have visited them twice, but they have not visited us yet.

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3. I have not met him in a long time.
4. The children are hungry. They have been playing in the garden for hours.
5. We have known each other since our school days.
6. Have you completed the job?
7. Her health has improved considerably.
8. He has obtained a permit.
9. Those who have finished their work can go home.
10. This is the fifth time you have asked that question.