

# Present Perfect vs. Present Perfect Continuous

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. I ..... to solve this problem for a while.

tried

have been trying

try

2. The postman has .....

gone

been

3. I couldn't meet him. He had ..... to Ireland.

been

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gone

4. He ..... in this office for 15 years.

has worked

has been working

Either could be used here

5. 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I ..... for hours.'

am digging

have been digging

was digging

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6. I ..... my dinner.

have just had

just have

just had had

7. He ..... working on that project.

finished

has finished

is finishing

8. I ..... that movie six times.

watched

have watched

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had watched

9. I ..... cleaning the kitchen.

have finished

have been finishing

10. She ..... to him for 18 years.

has been married

is married

had been married

11. Have you ever ..... a ghost?

saw

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seen

see

12. I ..... a lot about him but I  
..... any opportunity to meet him.

have heard, haven't had

have heard, haven't been having

heard, haven't had

## Solution

1. I have been trying to solve this problem for a while.
2. The post man has been.
3. I couldn't meet him. He had gone to Ireland.
4. He has been working / has worked in this office for 15 years.
5. 'You look tired.' 'Yes, I have been digging for hours.'

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6. I have just had my dinner.

7. He has finished working on that project.

8. I have watched that movie six times.

9. I have finished cleaning the kitchen.

10. She has been married to him for 18 years.

11. Have you ever seen a ghost?

12. I have heard a lot about him but I haven't had any opportunity to meet him.