STENCIL 4D.

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE OR PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

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| PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE. | PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS |
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| HAS/HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE | HAS/HAVE + BEEN + …..ING |
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| He has read this book. | He has been reading this book. |
| I’ve painted the living room blue. | I have been painting all day. |
| She has written many emails. | She has been writing emails. |

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| * An action is finished and complete. * I’ve written a letter. I’m going to post it now. * We’ve bought a new house. We are going to move next week. | * An action that began in the past and is still in progress. (for/since are often used in these situations). * We have been playing tennis for an hour. * How long have you been waiting ? Since midday. |
| * We want to say how often an action has happened. (How many times / How often) * She has broken her leg three times. * I have read this book several times. | * An action that has recently stopped and which explains the present situation (the result) * I have been carrying these heavy bags. That’s why I’m tired. * It has been snowing for a while. The streets are white. |
| * With static verbs.   ( to love, to like / dislike, to hate, to know, to believe, to mean, to need, to remember, to seem, to want, to own, to belong, to seem)   * I have known it for a long time. * She hasn’t remembered anything. | * An action that causes irritation. * I have been waiting for the bus three hours. I’m fed up with it. * He has been playing the trumpet for an hour. I am almost deaf. |