

Perfect continuous tenses define actions connected to a specific time stamp.

They have elements of:

a. perfect tenses (finished / completed actions) plus

b. continuous tenses (ongoing actions)



1. Fill in and correct the verbs to show the Present Perfect Continuous Tense.

An action starting in the past, still continuing / recently stopped

Structure: (Subject + have/has + been + present participle (verb + -ing))

- 1.1 She **has** _____ (clean) the windows for an hour.
- 1.2 They **have** _____ (painted) the walls since morning.
- 1.3 I _____ (**vacuum**) the living room all day.
- 1.4 He **has** _____ (**washes**) the dishes since lunch.
- 1.5 We _____ (**organizes**) the pantry for the past two hours.

2. Fill in and correct the verbs to reflect Past Perfect Continuous Tense.

An action ongoing up to a certain point in the past

Structure: Subject + had + been + present participle (verb + -ing)

- 2.1 By the time she arrived, I _____ (cooks) dinner for an hour.
- 2.2 They _____ (**scrubbed**) the floors before the guests came.
- 2.3 He _____ (**mow**) the lawn before the rain started.
- 2.4 We _____ (**iron**) the clothes when the power went out.
- 2.5 She _____ (**bake**) cupcakes before the children interrupted her.

3. Fill in and correct the verbs to become the Future Perfect Continuous Tense.

An action that will continue up to a certain time in the future.

Structure: Subject + will have been + present participle (verb + -ing)

- 3.1 By tomorrow afternoon, I **will** _____ **been** _____ (**wash**) the windows for six hours.
- 3.2 By next weekend, they _____ **have** _____ (**paint**) the house for three days.
- 3.3 By the time she arrives, he _____ (**wash**) the car for an hour.
- 3.4 We _____ (**plant**) all morning by the time it gets too hot.
- 3.5 By this evening, dad _____ (tile) floors for two hours.

Memorandum Perfect Continuous Tenses See video “Perfect Continuous Tenses”

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1. Present Perfect Continuous Tense

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Structure: (Subject + have/has + been + present participle (verb + -ing))

- 1.1 She **has been cleaning** the windows for an hour.
- 1.2 They **have been painting** the walls since morning.
- 1.3 I **have been vacuuming** the living room all day.
- 1.4 He **has been washing** the dishes since lunch.
- 1.5 We **have been organizing** the pantry for the past two hours.

2. Past Perfect Continuous Tense

An action ongoing up to a certain point in the past

Structure: Subject + had + been + present participle (verb + -ing)

- 2.1 By the time she arrived, I **had been cooking** dinner for an hour.
- 2.2 They **had been scrubbing** the floors before the guests came.
- 2.3 He **had been mowing** the lawn before the rain started.
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3. Future Perfect Continuous Tense

An action that will continue up to a certain time in the future.

Structure: Subject + will have been + present participle (verb + -ing)

- 3.1 By tomorrow afternoon, I **will have been washing** the windows for six hours.
- 3.2 By next weekend, they **will have been painting** the house for three days.
- 3.3 By the time she arrives, he **will have been washing** the car for an hour.
- 3.4 We **will have been planting** all morning by the time it gets too hot.
- 3.5 By this evening, dad **will have been tiling** floors for two hours.