

3.3 Introduction to Present Perfect Continuous Tense

If something **was happening before**, and it **is still happening now**, you use the **present perfect continuous tense**.

To use the **present perfect continuous tense**, you need **have/has + been + verb+ing**. (We often use the **present continuous tense** with the words **for, since, recently, or lately**):

I	have been	studying hard lately.
You		writing for 3 hours!
We		dating since 2007.
They		speaking English a lot recently.
He	has been	traveling since he was young.
She		exercising for 2 hours.
It		raining a lot lately.

Using the example below, write present perfect continuous tense sentences with the information provided.

Example:

I was running 20 minutes ago.

I am still running now (3:20).

I have been running for 20 minutes.

or: *I have been running ever since 3:00.*

or: *I have been running since 3:00.*

1. It was raining last week.

It is still raining now.

2. My mother was talking on the telephone at 3:00.

She is still talking on the telephone now (5:00).

3. The dogs were barking this morning.

The dogs are still barking now.

