



Peter's Party

A. Reading

Peter has been cooking in the kitchen for four hours. He and his wife are having guests over for dinner tonight. He has been working hard to prepare the meal. He has prepared an appetizer, a main course, and some salad, and now he is making the dessert. He is making a cake for dessert, and he has been mixing the ingredients for ten minutes. Now he just has to bake it for an hour.

His wife has been cleaning for several hours as well. She has cleaned the bathrooms, the living room, and the

front hallway. Now she's cleaning the dining room. She has been dusting the furniture for almost 20 minutes now. When Peter finishes cooking, she's going to help him clean the kitchen.

They have been planning this dinner party all week, but they left all the work until the last minute. They have been working so hard that they are exhausted now. They are both very tired and would rather sleep tonight than have guests over.

Peter's Party cont.

B. Questions

1. How long has Peter been cooking in the kitchen?

2. What has he prepared?

3. How long has he been mixing the cake ingredients?

4. How long has Peter's wife been cleaning the house?

5. Which rooms has she cleaned so far?

6. How long has she been dusting furniture?

7. How long have they been planning this dinner party?

8. Why would they rather sleep than have guests over?



Our Basketball Game

A. Reading

It's the championship game. My basketball team is playing against our rival team, the Sharks. We have been playing for one hour so far. We have been getting more and more exhausted, but we're still excited. We have been waiting all year for this day. We have been dreaming about winning the championship. If we win, we'll get a trophy and our photograph in the paper. We have been practicing hard all season. The players on the other team have been as well. The game is close so far. They are only a few points ahead! We have been playing really good defense, but the players on the other team have been scoring more goals. During our breaks, we have been drinking lots of water and eating power bars. We have been discussing how to improve our offensive play with our coach. The Sharks have been strengthening their defense. Our fans have been cheering loudly throughout the game. I think we are going to win this game. We have just been saving our energy for the last round.

Our Basketball Game cont.

B. Questions

1. Who is his basketball team playing against in the championship game?

2. How long have they been playing for?

3. Have they been getting tired during the game?

4. How long have they been waiting for this day?

5. What will they get if they win?

6. How have both teams been preparing for this game?

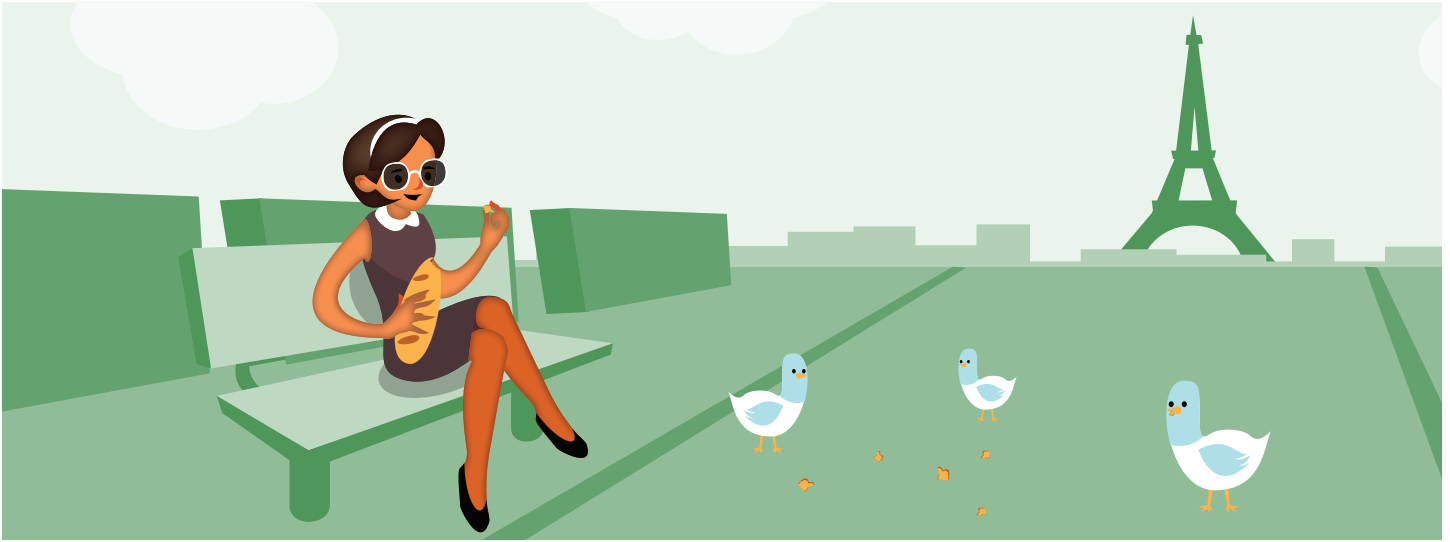
7. Which team has been scoring more goals?

8. What have they been doing during their breaks?

9. What have they been discussing with their coach?

10. What have the fans been doing throughout the game?

11. Why does he think that his team is going to win the game?



I've Been Traveling

A. Reading

I have been traveling around Europe for three months. I have been to Germany, Denmark, Italy, and the Czech Republic. I have been learning to say “hello” in many different languages. I’m in France right now. I have been backpacking around France for three weeks. I have visited Paris, Lyon, and Toulouse. I have seen the Eiffel Tower and Montmartre. I have been sightseeing in the south of France this week. I have been eating very well here. The food is so delicious, and I love the fresh baguettes. I have been buying a baguette every morning for breakfast. I have been staying in the youth hostels because they are cheaper than hotels. I have met lots of other backpackers during my travels. In Toulouse, I met an Australian girl and a Japanese guy in the youth hostel, and we have been traveling together ever since. We have been traveling by train. I will head off to Spain on my own soon. I have been thinking about going surfing.

I've Been Traveling cont.

B. Questions

1. How long has she been traveling around Europe?

2. Which countries has she visited?

3. What has she been learning?

4. Where has she been traveling for the last three weeks?

5. Has she been eating well in France?

6. What has she been buying every morning for breakfast?

7. Where has she been staying?

8. Who has she been traveling with?

9. How have they been traveling (by what means of transportation)?

10. Why does she want to go to Spain?

About You

A. Questions

Answer the following questions using the present perfect progressive.

1. How long have you been learning English?

2. Have you been cooking or eating out lately?

3. What have you been eating?

4. Have you been hanging out with friends lately?

5. What have you been doing in your spare time?

6. What sports have you been playing lately?

7. Have you been working a lot recently?

8. What kind of work have you been doing?

B. Drawing

Now use the questions and answers on page 7 to write a short paragraph about yourself.

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Your Own Story

A. Drawing

Draw a picture in the box, or paste in a photograph.



B. Writing

Using the present perfect progressive, write a short paragraph about the picture in the box. Use your notebook if you don't have enough space below.

Your Own Story cont.

C. Questions

Write five questions about your paragraph.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. Answers

Give your story and questions to a classmate.

Have them read your story and answer your questions below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

In this lesson, students read three stories that use the present perfect progressive in context. They answer comprehension questions and write two paragraphs of their own using the present perfect progressive.

LEVEL: Int

TIME: 1.5 – 2 hours

TAGS: present perfect progressive, present perfect continuous, verb tenses, for, grammar in context

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7. They have been planning this party all week.
8. They would rather sleep than have guests over because they have been working so hard that they are exhausted now.

Our Basketball Game

1. His team is playing against the Sharks in the championship game.
2. They have been playing for one hour so far.
3. Yes, they have been getting more and more exhausted.
4. They have been waiting for this day all year.
5. If they win, they will get a trophy and their photograph in the paper.
6. The teams have been preparing by practicing hard all season.
7. The players on the Sharks have been scoring more goals.
8. During their breaks, they have been drinking a lot of water and eating power bars.
9. They have been discussing how to improve their offensive play with their coach.
10. The fans have been cheering loudly throughout the game.
11. He thinks his team is going to win because they have been saving their energy for the last round.

I've Been Traveling

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2. She has visited Germany, Denmark, Italy, and the Czech Republic.
3. She has been learning how to say "hello" in many different languages.
4. For the last three weeks, she has been backpacking around France.
5. Yes, she has been eating very well in France.
6. She has been buying a baguette every morning for breakfast.
7. She has been staying in youth hostels.
8. She has been traveling with an Australian girl and a Japanese guy.
9. They have been traveling by train.
10. She wants to go to Spain because she wants to go surfing.

About You

Individual answers.

Your Own Story

Individual answers.

SPELLING NOTE:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the words *Traveling* and *Practicing*. Most other English-speaking countries spell these words this way: *Travelling* and *Practising*. Make it a challenge for your students to find these words in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spellings.