Present Perfect Continuous exercises with answers

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Choose the right option

Tom has been _____ football all afternoon.

a) playing b) plays c) play

2. Choose the right option

Tom _____ been sleeping well recently. He's always tired.

a) hasn't b) doesn't c) isn't

3. Choose the right option

Anna's eyes are red. She's been _____.

a) cry b) crying c) cried

4. Choose the right option

How long _____ that book?

a) have you been reading b) you have been reading c) are you reading

5. Choose the right option

Anna _____ this band since she was ten.

a) has been liking b) has liked c) likes

6. Choose the right option

I _____ for the bus for 20 minutes.

a) am waiting b) have been waiting c) have waiting

7. Choose the right option

You're here early! How long _____ here?

a) have you been waiting b) you have been waiting c) are you waiting

8. Choose the right option

You're all wet! _____ in the sea?

a) Are you swimming b) Have you swimming c) Have you been swimming

9. Fill in the gaps

I've _____ this book for two hours, and I've _____ 60 pages.

Words: read / reading / been read / been reading

10. Put the words in order

Your friend knows Anna. Ask how long

knowing / How / have / do / been / known / Anna / you / long

Not all words are needed.

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11. Put the words in order

Say she started here in May and still works here

is / May / here / been / working / She's / for / since

Not all words are needed.

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12. Fill in the gaps

My hands are dirty because I _____ been _____ in the garden.

Words: working / work / works / has / am / have

13. Put the words in order

Ask about the number of pages your friend finished

you / reading / have / been / How / many / has / read / pages

Not all words are needed.

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14. Choose the right option

We _____ this flat since 2019.

a) have had b) have been having c) have

15. Choose the right option

How many pages _____ so far?

a) have you read b) have you been reading c) are you reading

16. Choose the right option

Sam is in Rome. He _____ there since Monday.

a) is b) is being c) has been

Answers

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1. **playing**
   After *has been*, use the -ing form: *playing*, not *play* or *plays*.

2. **hasn't**
   Tom = *he*, so the negative is *hasn't been*. We don't put *isn't* or *doesn't* before *been*.

3. **crying**
   Red eyes show a recent activity. After *she's been*, use the -ing form: *crying*.

4. **have you been reading**
   With *How long* we ask about the activity, so we use *have you been reading*. *Have* comes before *you*.

5. **has liked**
   We don't use *like* with *-ing*, so we use *has liked*. *Likes* alone is wrong with *since*.

6. **have been waiting**
   For 20 minutes shows that the wait started before now and still continues. So we use *have been waiting*, not *am waiting*.

7. **have you been waiting**
   The wait started before now and still continues, so we use the Present Perfect Continuous. *Have* comes before *you*.

8. **Have you been swimming**
   Your friend is wet, and the swim is over. So we use *Have you been swimming*, not *Are you swimming*.

9. **been reading ... read**
   For two hours shows how long: *been reading*. *60 pages* is the result, so we use *read*.

10. **How long have you known Anna?**
    We don't use *know* with *-ing*, so we use *have you known*. We don't use *do* here either.

11. **She's been working here since May.**
    She started in May and still works here: *she's been working*. *May* is a starting point, so we use *since*.

12. **have ... working**
    The garden work is over, and you can see the dirt now. With *I*, use *have been* + *-ing*.

13. **How many pages have you read?**
    With *How many* we ask about the result, so we use *have you read*, not *have you been reading*.

14. **have had**
    We don't use *have* (own) with *-ing*. So we use *have had*. The past participle of *have* is *had*.

15. have you read

With *How many* we ask about the result. So we use the Present Perfect: *have you read*, not *have you been reading*.

16. has been

Since Monday shows that he is still there, so we use *has been*. We don't use *is* with *since*, or *be* with *-ing*.