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Grammar Reference

1 Construction of the present perfect continuous

The **present perfect continuous** is formed as follows:

have (conjugated) + **been** + **-ing**

Example:

She's (has) **been reading** a book for two hours.
I've (have) **been living** in Canada for five years.

2 Use of the present perfect continuous

The **present perfect continuous** is used especially when talking about events or actions:

- that **begin** in the **past** and **continue** in the **present**.

Example:

They've **been living** together **for** a long time.
I've **been working** in this company **for** three months and I find it interesting.

- that have **just finished**.

Example:

We are very tired because we've **been working for** hours.

3 Irregular comparatives

Some **adjectives** and **adverbs** have **irregular comparative** forms. The most common examples follow.

<u>Adjective or adverb</u>	<u>Irregular comparative</u>
good	better
bad	worse
far	farther/further
much/many	more
little	less

