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# Presentación

Material name: Talk and write about what others and I have

been doing.

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What have you been doing in your free time lately? What have you been doing to improve your English recently?



# Summary

Find out different ways in which you can express the things you have been doing recently. This is an B1 level competence, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework\_en.pdf page 24).

## Key words:

Have, has, been, recently, lately, for, since...





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# Knowledge

# To express the things you and others have been doing we use the present perfect Continuous.

# 1st person

Affirmative: I have been doing exercise for 2 hours.

Negative: I haven't been doing exercise for 2 hours.

Interrogative: Have you been doing exercise for 2 hours?

# 3rd person

Affirmative: He has been working since 5 years ago.

Negative: He hasn't been working since 5 years ago.

Interrogative: Has he been working since 5 years ago.



# Time expressions

It is used to express a period of time

For

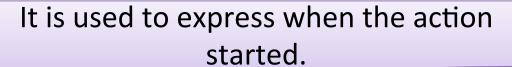
I have been studying for 5 hours.

He hasn't been playing for 2 years.

Have you been crying for hours?







# **Since**

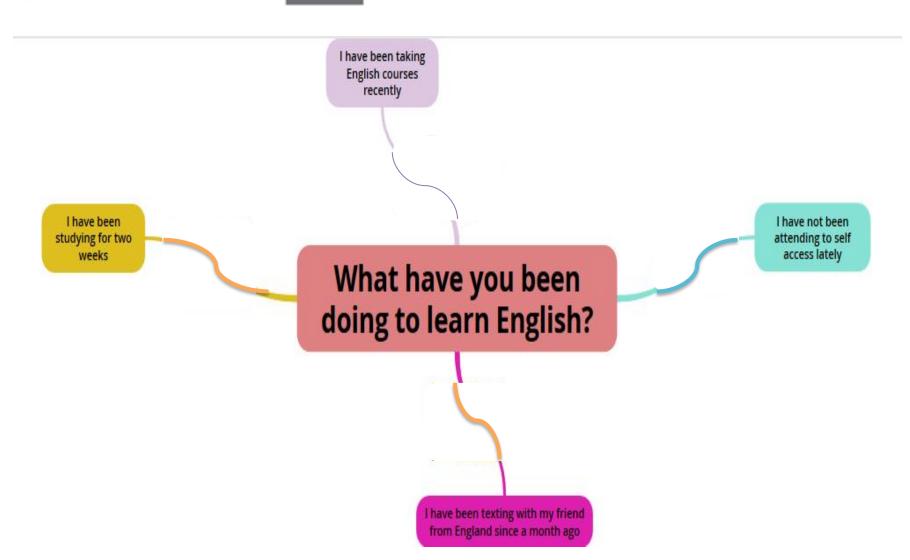
I have been painting **since** yesterday.

He hasn't been participating **since** 2 years ago.

Have you been reading **since 3** hours ago?



# Map



# Model 1

Dear Barb,

I'm writing because I have been thinking of you. How are you? Mom told me that you have been trying to call me. Why don't you send me your phone number so that I can call you back?

I have been planning to visit you and your family. Christine and I have been saving some money and maybe next month we will go to Canada and spend some days with you. My son has been looking at some photos and he is excited about meeting his cousins!

Let me know if you'll be available next month.

Love,

Pete



# Model 2

John,

How are you? I heard **you have been planning** your wedding this last month, congratulations! **I have been working in the catering** business lately, so and if you want my advice I can suggest some good venues for your wedding.

I have also been studying photography and I have been thinking that I would be honored if you and Julie could let me take your photos as a wedding present.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,



# Model 3

### Hello Charlie!

I'm Jason, your cousin. I have been looking at some photos and my dad told me that you have been training basketball, that's awesome! I have been trying to play basketball too but it's difficult for me.

My parents have been planning the trip to go to Canada and meet your family. I'm anxious to go there. I've been practicing karate. Maybe next month you could show me what you have been learning about basketball and I could show you some karate moves.

Best wishes,

Jason



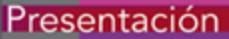


# Conclusion

When you want to express your the things that you have been doing you can say:

- ☐I have been working recently.
- ☐ He has been watching TV for hours.
- ☐ She hasn't been paying attention since last week.
- ☐ They haven't been studying for 3 years.





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# Thank you!



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