

Again, remember the definition for the use of the present perfect simple tense: "If the results of past actions are significant for the present"

**The results of our past actions are significant for the present!**

E.g....

- He had lied to his wife, so she left him. Have you lied?
- He had smoked for many years, so he got cancer. Has he smoked?
- I have sinned, therefore I need forgiveness. Have you sinned?
- I have accepted Jesus, therefore I have new family. Has she accepted Jesus?

**5** In pairs, make up questions and answers using the present perfect simple.

The present perfect continuous is formed from:

Have / has + been + verb + ing.

E.g. How long have you been serving Jesus?

I have been serving Jesus for two years.

It is used to say how long an action has been in progress, or to describe temporary or incomplete actions.

**6** Imagine you are a TV reporter on the scene of Mark 3: 1- 10.

You would report using the present perfect continuous tense.

For example, take the events of verse 3:

"And they had been watching him to see if he would make him well on the Sabbath day".

You would report this as: "They have been watching Jesus [for two hours], to see if Jesus will heal the man".



- a) How would you report verse 4: " he said to them, is it right to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil?"
- b) Or verse 8: " a great number, hearing what great things he did, came to him"?
- c) Or verse 12: " he gave them special orders not to say who he was"?
- d) Or verse 20: " the people came together again, so that they were not even able to take bread"?