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Use:

- to put emphasis on the duration of an action which started in the past and continues up to the present.

*She **has been preparing** for her exams since Monday.*

- for an action which started in the past and lasted for some time. It may still be continuing, or have finished, but it has left a visible result in the present.

*He is tired because **he has been dancing** all night long.*

- to express anger, irritation or annoyance / criticism.

She has been using my computer without asking me.

- for repeated actions in the past continuing to the present

He has put on the weight because he has been eating junk food every day since last month

Time expressions

since

for

how long

just

already

yet

ever

never

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I've you've we've	I you we they	have been	waiting building eating working listening doing	for smb. houses junk food hard to music the work
he's she's it's	he she it	has been		
	Subject S	have been (I, you, we, they) has been (he, she, it)	Verb+ing V+ing	Object Obj

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I			
you	have not (haven't)	gone	to Berlin
we		built	hundreds of houses
they		eaten	my lunch
		worked	hard
he	has not (hasn't)	played	chess
she		finished	the work
it			

Subject S	have not / haven't (I, you, we, they) has not / hasn't (he, she, it)	Verb$_3$ V_3	Object Obj

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Have	I you we they	gone built eaten worked	to Berlin? hundreds of houses? my lunch? hard?
Has	he she it	played finished	chess? the work?

Have (I, you, we, they) Has (he, she, it)	Subject S	Verb$_3$ V$_3$	Object Obj

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Where How Why When	have	I you we they	gone built eaten worked	to Berlin? hundreds of houses? my lunch? hard?
What Who (about the object)	has	he she it	played finished	chess? the work?

have (I, you, we, they) has (he, she, it)	Subject S	Verb$_3$ V$_3$	Object Obj

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		gone	to Berlin?
		built	hundreds of houses?
		eaten	my lunch?
What Who (about the Subject)	has	worked	hard?
		played	chess?
		finished	the work?
	has	$Verb_3$ V_3	Object Obj