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Grammar Self-Checks

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The present perfect and the present perfect continuous: finished and unfinished actions

Look at the sentences using the simple past tense, the present perfect, or the present perfect continuous.

Actions completed at a specified (yesterday, etc.) or an unspecified time in the past

I've already **heard** that CD. I **heard** it yesterday.

How many times **have** you **seen** Youssou N'Dour in concert?

I've **seen** him twice. As a matter of fact, I just **saw** him last week.

Very recently completed actions when results can still be seen

They've **been practicing**. I see them putting away their instruments.

Unfinished or continuing actions

Have you **listened** to any jazz lately? OR **Have** you **been listening** to any jazz lately?

I've **listened** to Beethoven since I was a child. OR I've **been listening** to Beethoven since I was a child.

FIGURE IT OUT...

Circle the letter of the best answer.

- To describe an action completed at a specified time in the past, use _____.
 - the present perfect
 - the simple past
- To describe an action completed at an unspecified time in the past, use _____.
 - the present perfect
 - the present perfect continuous
- To describe recently completed actions when results can still be seen, use _____.
 - the present perfect continuous
 - the present perfect
- To describe actions that began in the past, continue into the present, and may continue into the future, you can use either _____.
 - the simple past or the present perfect
 - the present perfect or the present perfect continuous

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Look at the words often used with the present perfect and the present perfect continuous.

Often used for finished actions	Often used for unfinished actions
ever	for
never	lately
once	these days
twice	since
three times	recently
yet	for a while
already	all day
How many...?	this year
	How long...?

FIGURE IT OUT...

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. ever, yet, and already are often used with _____.

a. the present perfect

b. the present perfect continuous

2. for, since, recently, and lately are often used with _____.

a. the simple past

b. the present perfect and the present perfect continuous