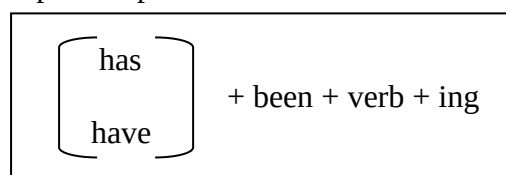


VIII- Present Perfect Continuous

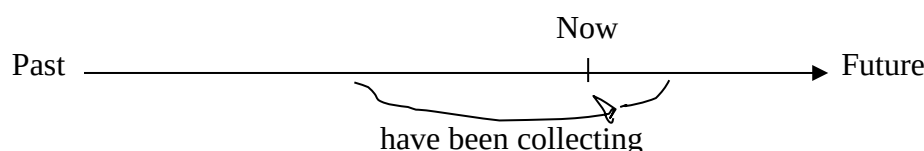
a. The form of the present perfect continuous:



b. We use the present perfect continuous:

- 1- To talk about things that started in the past and continue up to the present. The situation is usually not finished and it will probably continue into the future.

e.g. I've been collecting stamps for ten years. (It means I started collecting stamps for ten years ago, and I'm still collecting them)



- 2- To describe things that have stopped very recently. The action is not happening now but you can still see the results of the action.

e.g. - The kids have been playing here. Their toys are all over the room.
- It's been raining. The streets are still wet.

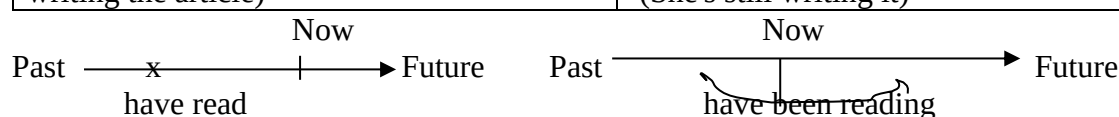
Remember ! Stative verbs are usually not used in the continuous.

e.g. I've owned this car for years. **But not:** ~~I've been owning this car for years~~

Present Perfect Versus Present Perfect continuous

- 1- The present perfect often shows that something is finished. It focuses on the result of the action. The present perfect continuous often shows that an activity is unfinished. It focuses on the continuation of an action.

Present Perfect	Present Perfect continuous
1- I've read a good book about elephants (I've finished reading the book and now I know a lot about elephants)	1- I've been reading a good book about elephants (I'm still reading it)
2- She's written the article. (She's finished writing the article)	2- She's been writing the article. (She's still writing it)



- 2- We often use the present perfect to talk about :

a-) How much someone has done. **e.g.** I've read a lot about it.

- b-) How many time, someone has done something. **e.g.** I've **been** to England **twice**.
 c-) How many things someone has done. **e.g.** She's **written several** really good articles.
 d-) We often use the present perfect continuous to talk about how long something has been happening.

e.g. I've **been reading** books on elephants **for two months**.

Note : We do not usually use the present perfect continuous when we mention a number of completed events.

e.g. I've **read** that book **twice**.

But not: ~~I've been reading that book twice.~~

- 3-** Sometimes you can use either the present perfect or the present perfect continuous. The meaning is basically the same. This is especially true when you use verbs such as **live, work, study** and **teach** with **for** or **since**.

e.g. She's **studied** elephants **for** two years.

Or

She's **been studying** elephants **for** two years.

(In both cases she started studying elephants two years ago and she is still studying them.)

	<u>Present Perfect</u>	<u>Present Perfect Continuous</u>
1-	Elephants have roamed the earth for thousands of years.	Elephants have been roaming the earth for thousands of years.
2-	Dr Brown has written many articles.	Dr Brown has been writing many articles.
3-	She has lived in many countries.	She has been living in many countries.
4-	I've read two books about elephants.	I've been reading two books about elephants.