

LESSON 135

747 **Present perfect continuous: evidence of recent activity**

As we already know, we can use the perfect continuous tenses to communicate the duration of an action up to a particular point. For example, "I have been working for one hour so far".

In addition, we can use the present perfect continuous when there is evidence now of a recent activity. For example, "Look at Lucy's eyes; I think she's been crying" or "The road's wet. It's been raining".

Give me an example of the present perfect continuous used when there's evidence now of a recent activity.

Look at David; he's covered in mud.

I think he's been working in his garden.

How can we tell when somebody's been running a lot? We can tell ...
because they're breathing heavily

When we arrive at someone's house, how can we tell if they've recently been cooking? When we ..., we can tell ...
because we can smell the food

We can use the past perfect continuous in the same way. For example, "When I arrived at David's house last night, I could tell he had been cooking".

Give me an example of the past perfect continuous used in the same way, please.

When I walked into the living room, both the children looked really angry.

It was clear they had been arguing.

748 **to take into account** **tip**

When considering the price of a meal in a restaurant, do you take into account such things as the service charge and the waiter's tip?

Yes, when considering ...

~ No, when considering ...

What part of my finger is this?

That's the tip of your finger