

Unit 10

1. Present Perfect Continuous Tense

The present perfect continuous tense shows that something started in the past and is continuing at the present time.

- The present perfect continuous is formed using the construction **has/have been + the present participle (root + -ing)**.

For example:

I **have been reading** War and Peace for a month now.

Mia **has been competing** in flute competitions recently.

I **haven't been feeling** well lately.

Have you seen my wallet and keys recently?

2. Time Expressions

1. Using Time Expressions in PAST Tense

Yesterday, last week, last month, last year, a little while ago, an hour ago, this morning, in the past, a long time ago, the day before yesterday, recently, in 1989, when I was born, one week ago.

2. Using Time Expressions in PRESENT Tense

Today, this week, this month, this year, at the moment, now, at this time, nowadays, these days, right now, as we speak

3. Using Time Expressions in FUTURE Tense

Tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, in an hour, soon, in the near future, later this evening, in the future, way off in the future, the day after tomorrow, eventually.

4. Using Time Expressions with Preposition IN

In the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening, in January, in December, in the summer, in 1970, in the 1990's, in the seventies, in the 20th century, in the past, in the future, in 15 years' time, in the Christmas holiday, in two hours

5. Using Time Expressions with Preposition AT

At 10 o'clock, At midday, At noon, At dusk, At dawn, At night, At the weekend, At Christmas, At Easter, At the moment, At that time, At the beginning, At the end, At breakfast, At dinnertime.

Pronunciation

Diphthongs: are long vowel sounds that start in one position of the mouth and end in another within the same syllable.

Common spellings for each diphthong vowel sound are underlined below:

/ɪə/ zero, clear, beer, dear

/ʊə/ cure, poor, curious

/eɪ/ face, main, day, same

/əʊ/ home, grow, load, go

/ɔɪ/ coin, ioy, choice

/aʊ/ sound, town, loud

/ʌɪ/ find, pie, cry, hide

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