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20 Simple Dialogues in the Perfect Progressive Tenses



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How to Use the Dialogues

Use the dialogues to practice the perfect progressive tenses *and* speaking English.

It is important to read the dialogues *aloud*.

The special thing about these dialogues is that they only use one main tense per dialogue. Moreover, there are five dialogues for every tense. That way, the student can practice each tense to perfection.

There are several ways to use the dialogues:

- In a private lesson, the teacher and student read the dialogue together. The teacher reads the lines of the first character, and the student reads the lines of the second character. Then they switch and re-read the dialogue. Now the student reads the lines of the first character, and the teacher reads the lines of the second character.
- With more than one student, divide the students into pairs. Student A reads the lines of the first character, and Student B reads the lines of the second character. Then they switch and re-read that dialogue. Now Student A reads the lines of the second character, and Student B reads the lines of the first character.
- After reading, encourage a conversation on the topic and using the same tense.

Since contractions are very common in spoken English, the dialogues have many contractions. Refer to the contraction table at the end of this book to see all contractions and their full forms.

IMPORTANT: To get the most out of these materials, make sure the students understand all the words used. Do not let them guess words from context. If the students encounter a new or unclear word, explain to them what it means, or have them use the dictionary. For more on this, read the article [Building Vocabulary and Some Common Mistakes](#).



Perfect Progressive Tenses

Mixed, Dialogue 5

Description: Susan is celebrating her thirtieth birthday with her husband, Andrew.



Andrew: Are you ready for your gift? I know you've been waiting for it for a long time!

Susan: Oh, don't be silly. The best part of my birthday is spending the day with you! That's what I've been looking forward to.

Andrew: Oh, so you hadn't been looking forward to getting a special gift? In that case, I won't give it to you. We will just spend the day together. We'll have been having so much fun, you will forget all about your gift.

Susan: Okay, okay! You're right, I've been waiting for the gift, too.

Andrew: Yes, you have been waiting thirty years for this gift!

Susan: Wow, I hope it's something really good, then! Thirty years is a long time!

Andrew: Have you been feeling older since you woke up this morning?

Susan: You know, not really! I have to admit that I'd been getting a little nervous about turning thirty. It sounds like a big difference. I am not in my twenties anymore! How did you feel when you turned thirty?

Andrew: I'd been getting a little concerned about it, too. I'd been thinking about how old I was going to feel! But the same thing happened to me. I don't feel any different.

Susan: Yes, as the years go by, I've been paying less and less attention to my age. By the time I turn fifty, I won't have

been paying any attention to my age for years! Maybe I won't even realize when I turn fifty!

Andrew: Oh, I doubt that. Because we'll have been celebrating every birthday together, and I'll have been reminding you that you're getting old!

Susan: And you'll have been getting even older, remember? Now, speaking of celebrations, where is that gift you've been talking about?

Andrew: Here you go! I'd been thinking about this one for a really long time before I decided, so I hope you like it!

Susan: I'm sure I will. You've been giving me wonderful gifts ever since we got married. Now, let's see... It's a bathing suit.

Andrew: Yes! Do you like it? I know you've been wearing a lot of blue clothes lately, so I got you a blue one.

Susan: Well, yes... I mean, it's a very nice bathing suit. But dear, it's the middle of winter! I'll have been staring at this

bathing suit in my closet for months before I can even use it! I really do like the gift, but I guess I'd been expecting something a little more... useful.

Andrew: Okay, now look under the bathing suit!

Susan: What's this? Are these plane tickets?

Andrew: Yes! Oh, I am so excited. I've been planning this for months, honey! We are going to spend ten days in Puerto Rico! We leave on Friday!

Susan: That is amazing! And it fits perfectly with my vacation from work. You really have been planning this for a long time.

Andrew: Yes, I have! It's going to be a fantastic trip. We'll just relax and enjoy ourselves. By the end of the trip, you'll have been enjoying the sun and the sea for days and days. You won't even remember how old you're getting.

Susan: Oh, I don't think there's any danger of that. I'm sure you'll have been reminding me of my age the whole time!

Present Perfect Progressive Rules

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/ You/We/They	have been	verb	We have been talking.
He/She/It	has been	+ ing	She has been talking.

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/ You/We/They	have not been	verb	They have not been talking.
He/She/It	has not been	+ ing	He has not been talking.

Who?		Form of verb		Examples
Have	I you/we/they	been	verb	Have I been talking?
Has	he/she/it		+ ing	Has she been talking?

Past Perfect Progressive Rules

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/He/She/It You/We/They	had been	verb + ing	We had been working.

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/He/She/It You/We/They	had not been	verb + ing	He had not been working.

Who?		Form of verb		Examples
Had	I/he/she/it you/we/they	been	verb + ing	Had you been working?

Future Perfect Progressive Rules

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/He/She/It/ You/We/They	will have been	verb + ing	He will have been working.
			They will have been working.
			You will have been working.

Who?	Form of verb		Examples
I/He/She/It/ You/We/They	will not have been	verb + ing	It will not have been working.
			We will not have been working.
			She will not have been working.

Who?		Form of verb	Examples
Will	I/he/she/it/ you/we/they	have been verb + ing	Will I have been working?
			Will you have been working?
			Will they have been working?

Contractions Table

Full Form	Contraction
I have	I've
He has	He's
She has	She's
It has	It's
You have	You've
We have	We've
They have	They've
Have not	Haven't
Has not	Hasn't
I had	I'd
He had	He'd
She had	She'd
It had	It'd
You had	You'd
We had	We'd
They had	They'd
Had not	Hadn't
I will	I'll
He will	He'll
She will	She'll
It will	It'll
We will	We'll
They will	They'll
Will not	Won't

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