

Present perfect vs. present perfect continuous

Fill these gaps with the correct tense: either the present perfect (have + participle) or the present perfect continuous (have + been + gerund).

Melissa and John (1. to be married) for 10 years. Melissa (2. work) for her company for 10 years. She has also (3. study) for her MBA for the last two years.

John owns a furniture company. He (4. have) his company for 5 years. This week John (5. sell) 10 dining tables and 5 sofas.

Melissa and John (6. live) in their apartment for 8 years. They live next door to a young couple. They (7. known) their neighbours for three years. John likes home improvement. He (8. paint) the terrace for two weeks. It is a large terrace and he (9. use) two pots of paint already.

Melissa and John are looking after a friend's dog called Sam. Sam (10. have) a long walk today and so he is happy. He (11. stay) with Melissa and John for quite a long time – over two weeks already.

Melissa and John don't mind. They (12. enjoy) the company. Sam likes to watch the wildlife in the garden. He (13. chase) three cats around the garden so far.

Check your answers with the answer key on the next page.

Answer key

1 have been married, 2. has been working, 3. has been studying, 4. has had, 5. has sold, 6. have been living, 7. have known, 8. has been painting, 9. has used, 10. has had, 11. has been staying, 12. have been enjoying, 13. has chased.