

Present Perfect vs. Present Perfect Continuous Worksheet

Remember that present perfect is more frequently used than the present perfect continuous. While the present perfect is used to show an action taking place at some unknown point in the past and its result in the present, the present perfect continuous is used to show an ongoing activity that started sometime in the past and has continued through into the present. Below, you will need to fill in the story with the correct present tense. Also, you will have to write a dialogue. In the dialogue, you will have to use the present perfect one time and the present perfect continuous one time. You can work with a partner if you'd like.

The Ghost in the Closet

Bam! Crash! There is a really loud sound coming from the closet. I _____ (**heard**) such a scary noise in my life! It is difficult to get out of my bed. I _____ (**wait**) for 2 hours but the noise keeps getting louder and louder. It sounds as though there is a ghost in my closet! The strange thing in my closet _____ (**get**) quieter. Am I dreaming?

Bam! Crash! Boom! There goes the sound again! The sound _____ (**scare**) me long enough! It is time I see what _____ (**cause**) such a ruckus in my closet. I open the door, and, my cat goes running out with the quickness. It is just my cat and not a ghost in the closet that _____ (**make**) the noise for the past 2 hours. Phew! I am relieved.

Directions: Write a dialogue with a partner and be sure to use both tenses.

Person A: _____.

Person B: _____.

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Person B: _____.

Person A: _____.

Person B: _____.