

Teacher notes

What's the difference?

Language point

Present perfect simple and continuous tenses

Aim

To highlight the difference between the present perfect simple and continuous tenses.

Activity

Students compare sentences.

Organization

Pair work

Preparation

Make enough copies of the activity for the number of students in your class.

What do I do?

- 1 Divide students into pairs and hand out the activity.
- 2 Students compare the two sentences in each pair and discuss the difference in meaning.
- 3 Feedback as a class, highlighting the differences in meaning.

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I've written the report.

I've been writing the report.

We've visited our offices overseas.

We've been visiting our offices overseas.

She's worked in Moscow, but now she's in London.

She's been working in Moscow, but her usual base is in London.

He's read the newspaper.

He's been reading the newspaper.