

Continuity Check Answer Key

Correct Transformations:

1. I **have been reading** this novel today.
2. She **has been cooking** dinner for the family.
3. They **have been working** at the company since 2018.
4. Not possible (cleaning is finished, not ongoing).
5. The children **have been painting** the fence.
6. We **have been studying** French for two years.
7. Not possible (sleep = completed duration, not an ongoing repeated action here).
8. The teacher **has been explaining** the rules clearly.
9. Not possible (watching once is a completed action).
10. He **has been running** every morning before breakfast this week.

Teacher Notes:

- Explain that the **present perfect simple** emphasizes the **result** ("*I have read three chapters*") while the **present perfect continuous** emphasizes the **process or ongoing activity** ("*I have been reading this novel*").
- Not all verbs naturally shift into the continuous form (e.g., stative verbs or single completed actions). This is why some sentences are marked "**Not possible.**"
- Encourage students to identify **time expressions** (*for, since, this week*) that often signal continuous use.
- Extension: Ask students to create **two sentences of their own** in the present perfect simple, then trade with a partner to see if they can transform them.