

Advanced Grammar

Present Perfect Passive and Present Perfect Continuous

The **Present Perfect Passive** is useful in describing something that happened in the past but has present implications. It is not known when or by whom the action was done.

- 'I have been given a speed ticket.'
- 'My grandfather has been forced to retire.'

The **Present Perfect Continuous** is used to emphasize the activity, not the result or completion of the activity because it may not be finished.

- 'We have been buying Christmas decorations.'
- 'I am exhausted; I have been playing tennis for two hours.'

The Present Perfect Continuous emphasizes 'how long':

- 'I have been studying for hours.' (How long?)

Here are some **examples** taken from the article 'Food Trends':

- Farm-to-Table meals **have been popping up** across the country. (*Present Perfect Continuous*)
- This new butcher shop **has recently been featured** in everything from *Bon Appétit* magazine to the *Los Angeles Times*. (*Present Perfect Passive*)