Third Year

Lecture Three

Present Perfect Continuous Tense: This Tense describes an action that started in the past and still continues to happen in the present time.

زمن المضارع التام المستمر: يصف هذا الزمن فعل بدأ في الزمن الماضي ولايزال مستمرا في الحدوث الى الزمن الحاضر.

Formula of this tense: has or have+ been+ main verb with ing

Adverbs used with this tense: for, since

Examples:

1. I ***have been watching*** TV ***for*** three hours.
2. He ***has been waiting*** for his wife ***since*** three o'clock.
3. She ***has been training*** for the Olympics ***for*** two years.
4. The students ***have been studying*** for the exam ***for*** two months.
5. The employee ***has been working*** for this company ***since*** 1980.

Note the difference in meaning between the following two sentences:

I ***have lived*** in the United States ***for*** ten years.(I no longer live in the United States.)

I ***have been living*** in the United States ***for*** ten years. (I still live in the United States.)