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| a couple of times on holiday.  | Who's been eating my sandwich?  | Look, it's half eaten!  | I've learned  |
| how to use a computer in my current job.  | She's just swum  | 600 metres.  | Oh dear what have you done?  |
| I think I’ve broken it.  | He's been playing the guitar  | since he was 12.  | I've been cutting my hair.  |
| That's why there's hair on my shirt.  | I’m sure I've played  | this game before.  | I've fixed the car.  |
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|  | Continuous – a recent action finished or unfinished that explains some present situation. |
|  | Continuous – a repeated action in the period up until now (with no mention of the number of repetitions). |
|  | Simple – a completed action in the past (with some idea of the number of repetitions). |
|  | Simple – a (usually recent) completed action with a present result or relevance. |
|  | Simple or continuous with *for* and *since* with verbs such as *live* and *work (*be employed) where the continuous tense suggests a temporary situation and the simple tense suggests one that is more permanent. |