

**Have read or have been reading? 2 (of 2) ★★**

Here are two examples of a second way we use *have been reading*: Here, the action is finished, but the **consequences** continue.

1 **Have been waiting** = "I have finished waiting (because you're here), but I haven't finished being **annoyed!**"



**"I've been waiting for you since 6 o'clock!"**

*He's been doing things like that for years!*

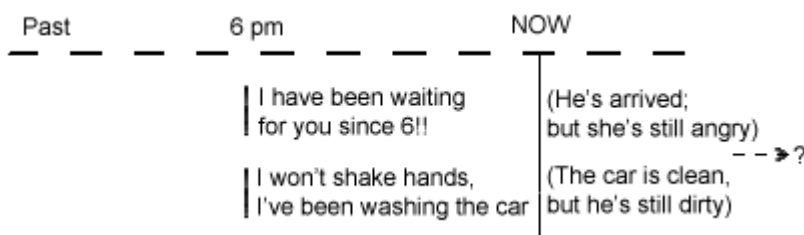
2 **Have been washing** = "I have finished washing the car, but I'm still dirty."



**"I won't shake hands, I've been washing the car."**

*"You're all dirty!" "I've been playing football!"*

**Diagram**



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**Quick check**

Choose between "the physical consequences continue", or "the mental state continues":

	physical	mental
1 "I'm so pleased with him, he's been helping me all weekend!"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 The dog can't come in, he's been running about in the rain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 "Why are you wearing those old clothes?" "I've been working."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 "I've been sitting here listening, and you won't let me speak!"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 "You're not ready!" "I've been cleaning the kitchen, I've only just finished."	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

