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NOUN PHRASES

A noun can be a single word, for example, *film* or *industry*, or a noun phrase, for example, *film industry*. The first noun acts like an adjective. This is a called a compound noun.

In the plural form, we usually make only the second or main noun plural.
*Many countries have their own film **industries**.*
*I hate driving in city **centres**.*
Sometimes the words are combined into one word.
*camera + man = **cameraman** (plural = camera**men**)*
*flat + mate = **flatmate** (plural = flatmate**s**)*

We can also make noun phrases with prepositions (prepositional phrases). The main noun is followed by a preposition + another noun.
*a **work of** art (plural = **works of** art)*

Sometimes we can use a compound noun or a prepositional phrase but not always.
*a **sports club member** or a **member of a sports club***
*a **cardboard box** NOT ~~a box of cardboard~~*

To show that something belongs to a person, animal or organisation, we generally add 's after a singular noun or an irregular plural.
*I'm meeting Paul**'s** brother tomorrow.*
*The women**'s** dresses at the Oscars were amazing.*
*The children**'s** show is on Thursday.*

We use ' after a plural noun or a name that ends in -*s*.
*James**'** brother is an actor.*
*The boys**'** costumes were funny.*

We use a noun with 's or ' instead of the possessive adjective, for example, *my, your, his, her, our* and *their*.
Her bookshelves are full.
*My grandmother**'s** bookshelves are full.*

1 Complete the noun phrases with the words from the box.

art	camera	court	designer	director	failure
~~industry~~	machines	of art	of life	prices	shows

➡ Ever since I was twelve, I've wanted to work in the film ___*industry*___ .

1   Singer-songwriter George Michael died at the age of 53 from **heart** _____ .

2   Many TV celebrities forge a successful career hosting **quiz** _____ .

3   Italian **fashion** _____ Gianni Versace was murdered in Miami in 1997.

4   Eventually, ill health began to affect my grandfather's **quality** _____ .

5   Many people believe that Roger Federer is the king of the **tennis** _____ .

6   Several **works** _____ were stolen from the museum.

7   **Film** _____ Ava DuVernay made her name with *A Wrinkle in Time* (2018).

8   We installed a **security** _____ after the last break-in.

9   I'd like to see more concerts, but the **ticket** _____ are going up and up.

10 The gang have been stealing money from **cash** _____ in the east of the city.

2 Tick (✔) the correct sentences. Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

➡ The childrens' football boots were really dirty.
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1 My sister's friend is a famous fashion designer.
   _____

2 Put the books in the box of cardboard.
   _____

3 The security system isn't working.
   _____

4 My flatmates cousin is staying with us this weekend.
   _____

5 There are some fantastic work of art in the new exhibition.
   _____

6 James has an interest of modern art.
   _____

7 He's a member of his local gym.
   _____

8 I love watching the channel of shopping on TV.
   _____

9 There were terrible traffics jams in the city centre last night.
   _____

10 The director's latest film has a very complicated plot.
   _____

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

We use the present perfect continuous to talk about an activity that started in the past and continues in the present (it's unfinished). It's often a long or repeated action. We use the present perfect continuous with *for* to talk about the amount or length of time an action has continued and *since* when we say when the period of time started.
I've been waiting for this parcel since last month. (= I'm still waiting for it. = long action)
We've been playing in a band together for years. (= We still do it. = repeated action)

We also use the present perfect continuous to talk about long actions in the past that have an effect on the present. They may be completed actions.
We've been walking in the forest all day. (Now we're tired and hungry.)

We use the present perfect simple (not the continuous) to talk about a state that started in the past and continues in the present.
I've loved playing the piano since I was eight.
She's always been a fan of classical music.

We use the present perfect simple (not the continuous) to talk about short actions that are complete and that have an effect on the present.
We've baked some cakes. Let's eat!

We often use the present perfect continuous to emphasise how long an action lasted (how much time it took) and the present perfect simple to talk about its final result.
I've been packing all morning. I've filled two suitcases. (packing = longer activity, filled = result)

We make the present perfect continuous with *have / has been* and the *-ing* form of the verb. We usually use contractions after pronouns.
I've been swimming today, but my sister's been reading a book.

1 Choose the correct option.

➡ The taxi *has arrived* / *been arriving*. Let's go!

1 I've been learning English *for* / *since* I was seven.

2 He's been my best friend *for* / *since* we were at primary school.

3 I've always *been loving* / *loved* the theatre.

4 They're really tired because they've *been practising* / *practised* their new song all day.

5 I've been a member of my film club *for* / *since* I was fifteen.

6 I've *watched* / *been watching* my favourite film ten times.

7 She's been studying *for* / *since* three hours.

8 You've been there for a long time! How long have you *been waiting* / *waited*?

9 We've been walking *for* / *since* ages.

10 I've always *known* / *been knowing* she would be famous.

2 Write sentences from the prompts. Use the present perfect continuous and *for* or *since*.

➡ he / work / at the bank / ten years

➡ *He's been working at the bank for ten years.*

1 I / play the piano / two years

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2 I / read this book / last weekend

_____

3 she / learn Spanish / 2014

_____

4 they / wait here / 45 minutes

_____

5 we / go to dance classes / Christmas

_____

6 they / go out together / six months

_____

7 we / living here / April

_____

8 I / go to the gym / five years

_____

9 he / write a cookery book / the new year

_____

10 she / enter singing competitions / quite a while

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