


Difference Pres Perf Simple and Pres Perf Progressive

Pres Perf Simple		Pres Perf Progressive	
Action Verbs	Stative Verbs	Action Verbs	Stative Verbs
I've played football; I've broken my leg:	I've known this man for 40 years now. We've been together for 10 years.	I've been playing football since 3 o'clock. ! I've been breaking my leg for hours. ☹ !	 Not possible with stative verbs!!!
i.e.: Action is over. We see the result. e.g. The leg is broken now.	i.e.: The condition is still present. → We are still together now.	i.e.: Action is still taking place. → We are still playing football now.	
Verbs that show action: (duration: short and long) e.g. run, walk, wait, close, hit, crash	Verbs that show a condition: e.g. 'to be' Verbs that show thought: e.g. know, believe, understand etc. Verbs that show possession: e.g. have, own, want, contain etc. Verbs that show senses: e.g. hear, see, smell etc. Verbs that show emotion: love, like, hate, want, need etc.	Verbs that show long term action: (duration: only long!) e.g. run, walk, wait, close, hit, crash	