Unit 22

♦ Registering for Classes

♦ A Class at the R.O.C.

♦ Present Perfect Continuous Tense
Mrs. Schwab was busy in her office. Anh and Maria dropped by to ask her how to register for a class. Mrs. Schwab stopped what she was doing to help them. Anh and Maria already knew which classes they wanted to take.

Mrs. Schwab told them to look on the schedule to see where the class was and what time it started. They needed to go to that class and get the instructor’s permission. Classes were on a first come, first served basis. The first students who showed up got into the class. If they got the teacher’s permission, they could then go to the registration office to sign up for the class. It was very easy to register.

1. What did Anh and Maria want to know?

________________________________________________________________________

2. Did Mrs. Schwab stop and talk to them?

________________________________________________________________________

3. Did Anh and Maria know which classes they wanted to take?

________________________________________________________________________

4. Where did they have to go to register?

________________________________________________________________________

5. Was it difficult to register?

________________________________________________________________________
Mrs. Schwab explained everything about registration to Anh, Maria and Mrs. Lopez. They had to bring a photo ID. There were a lot of counselors there to help them.

Anh wanted to go to the adult school. She could begin anytime because adult schools have open enrollment. She needed $20 for a twenty-week class, and $5 for a student ID card.

Not all students had to pay a registration fee. There were exceptions. For example, Mrs. Lopez was over 60 years old. She was a senior citizen, so she was exempt from paying the registration fee.

If a class was full, anyone could fill out a waiting list card and wait for an opening.

1. What did they need to bring to register?

_______________________________________________________________________

2. Did Anh have to wait for the next semester to start a class?

_______________________________________________________________________

3. Did Mrs. Lopez have to pay the fee?

_______________________________________________________________________

4. Why was she exempt?

_______________________________________________________________________

5. What happens when a class is full?

_______________________________________________________________________
Study these definitions.

- exempt: free from a rule that other people must follow
- idiot: someone who is not very intelligent, a negative word
- materials fee: the cost for extra supplies used in a class
- registration fee: the cost of registration
- registration slip: the form students fill out to register for a class
- step on it: to hurry up

Complete the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. To register for this class you need to fill out this _________________________ with your name, address, telephone number, birth date, etc.

2. Take the registration slip to the office. You’ll have to pay a $5 _________________.

3. There’s also a $10 _________________ for this art class. It covers the cost of the paint and paper that you will use for the semester.

4. I’m really late for class this morning. Can you drive a little faster? _____________________!

5. All students must pay the registration fee every semester. Senior citizens don’t have to pay because they are _________________________.

6. Our boss isn’t very smart. Sometimes he acts just like an _________________________.

Anh was registering for a Retail Marketing class. Maria decided to register for a class at the same school as Anh. Anh was lucky because there was only one space open in the class. Fortunately, Maria’s class had plenty of space, and she didn’t have to wait.

Anh and Maria showed their photo IDs to the registration clerk and filled out computerized registration slips. Maria had to pay an extra $10 because her class had a materials fee.

1. What school did Maria decide to attend?

________________________________________________________________________

2. Was Anh’s class full?

________________________________________________________________________

3. Did Maria have to sign a waiting list?

________________________________________________________________________

4. Who registered Anh and Maria?

________________________________________________________________________

5. What kind of fee did Maria have to pay?

________________________________________________________________________
REGISTERING FOR A CLASS AT THE R.O.C.

Flora decided to take a course in fashion design. She has gone to the Regional Occupational Center near her house to enroll in the class. Read the dialogue that Flora has with the registration clerk at the Occupational Center.

Flora: Hello. I’m interested in taking a course in fashion design.
Clerk: Oh. We have a class that started yesterday.
Flora: Are there still spaces available?
Clerk: Yes, there are. Would you like to enroll in the class?
Flora: Yes, I would. How much is the registration fee?
Clerk: The registration fee is $20.
Flora: And is there a materials fee?
Clerk: Yes. The materials fee is $45.
Flora: When does the class meet?
Clerk: The class meets on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
Flora: How many weeks does the class run?
Clerk: It’s a 20-week class. When you finish it, you will receive a certificate.
Flora: I’d like to enroll in the class. What should I do?
Clerk: Are you over 18 years of age?
Flora: Yes, I am.
Clerk: Do you receive any kind of public assistance? People who receive public assistance like food stamps, or unemployment, don’t have to pay the registration fee.
Flora: No, I don’t receive public assistance.
Clerk: OK, then. Fill out this form and pay the cashier $65 for the registration and materials fee.

Flora: Thank you very much.

Clerk: You’re welcome. I hope you enjoy the class.

Circle True or False.

1. Flora wants to enroll in a fashion design class. T F
2. There are no spaces available in that class. T F
3. The class hasn’t started yet. T F
4. The registration fee for the class is $20. T F
5. The materials fee is $30. T F
6. The class meets Monday and Wednesday evenings. T F
7. The class is 20 weeks. T F
8. Flora receives public assistance. She doesn’t have to pay the registration fee. T F
THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE

- We use the present perfect continuous tense to talk about an action that began in the past and continues up to the present.

- We form the present perfect continuous with the auxiliary verb.

  have/has + been + verb + -ing

| I have     | I’ve             |
| You have   | You’ve           |
| We have    | We’ve           |
| They have  | They’ve + been work + -ing for many years. |
| He has     | He’s            |
| She has    | She’s           |
| It has     | It’s            |

Answer these questions using the present perfect continuous tense.

Examples:

Do you know how to ski?

   Yes, I do.  _I’ve been skiing since I was_ 8 years old.

Does Tom know how to play poker?

   Yes, he does.  _He’s been playing poker since he was_ 13.
1. Does Maria know how to swim?
   Yes, she does. _____________________________ a little girl.

2. Do you know how to drive?
   Yes, I do. _________________________________ 17.

3. Does Joaquin know how to play soccer?
   Yes, he does. ______________________________ young.

4. Do Anh and her husband know how to drive?
   Yes, they do. ______________________________ 18.

5. Does Dee Dee know how to skate?
   Yes, she does. ______________________________ a child.

6. Do the Johnsons know how to ride motorcycles?
   Yes, they do. ______________________________ teenagers.
TESHOME’S PROBLEM

Two customers at the restaurant were angry. They were waiting for a long time for their waiter, but he never came. Teshome looked for him, but he couldn’t find him. Teshome didn’t want the customers to leave, so he took their orders.

One customer wanted a piece of coffee cake, and the other wanted some coffee with milk. Teshome brought a cup of coffee and a piece of cake for the first customer, and a glass of milk for the second.

This wasn’t what they ordered. The first one didn’t want coffee and the other didn’t want milk. He wanted coffee with milk. They were very angry because Teshome misunderstood them.

1. Who did Teshome look for?

________________________________________________________________________

2. Was Teshome able to find him?

________________________________________________________________________

3. What did Teshome do to help the customers?

________________________________________________________________________

4. Did Teshome bring the customers what they ordered?

________________________________________________________________________

5. How did the customers feel about the misunderstanding?

________________________________________________________________________
THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE
Questions and Answers

Study the following questions and answers in the present perfect continuous tense.

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Look at the pictures. Then fill in the blanks to answer the questions.

Examples:

Has Maria been typing all morning?

Yes, _she has_. _She’s been typing_ since 9:00 am.

Has Ara been playing soccer all afternoon?

No, _he hasn’t_. _He’s been fixing cars_ all afternoon.
1. Have the children been playing ball all morning?
   No, ___________________. __________________________________ all morning.

2. Has Sonia been filing all morning?
   Yes, _________________. __________________________________ since 10:00 am.

3. Has Mrs. Lopez been cooking all evening?
   Yes, _________________. ________________________________ for 3 hours.

4. Has Teshome been working at the restaurant all afternoon?
   No, _________________. ________________________________ all afternoon.
5. Have you been playing the guitar all night?
   Yes, ___________________. ____________________________ since 7:00 pm.

6. Have you been waiting for a bus all morning?
   Yes, ___________________. ____________________________ for 2 hours.

7. Has Anh been making bouquets all morning?
   No, ___________________. ____________________________ all morning.

8. Have the twins been crying all night?
   Yes, ___________________. ____________________________ since 2:00 am.
THINK ABOUT IT

Choose one question. Think about it and then write your ideas.

1. Anh, Maria and Mrs. Lopez plan to take classes while they work. Who do you think will have the most difficult time? Why?

2. List five things you could do to find out about training opportunities in your occupation. Which one of these things can you do right away?

3. What is the most difficult thing about working and going to school at the same time?
PROBLEM SOLVING
(video - 18:50)

Watch the video section called “Problem Solving.” Listen to the conversation and identify the problem. Write a letter to Teshome telling him your best solution to the problem.

The problem is: ______________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Dear Teshome,

I once misunderstood some people. This is what happened to me...

I think you should...
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Sincerely,
___________________________
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Circle the correct answers.

1. I am interested in taking a _________________ in television repair.
   a. lesson
   b. course
   c. registration

2. I can’t come in the mornings because of work. When does the evening class _________________?
   a. meet
   b. finish
   c. go

3. You do have evening classes. That’s wonderful. Are there still _________________ available?
   a. chairs
   b. teachers
   c. spaces

4. I’d like to _________________ in this television repair class. Here’s my registration slip.
   a. study
   b. enroll
   c. start

5. Can Joe speak French? Yes, he can. He _________________ French since he was little.
   a. is speaking
   b. been speaking
   c. has been speaking

6. Do your parents work? Yes, they do. They _________________ for a long time.
   a. been working
   b. have been working
   c. have work

7. Do you know how to dance? Yes, I _________________ since I was nine years old.
   a. have been dancing
   b. been dancing
   c. am dancing
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8. Can Sharon play the piano? Yes, she ________________ the piano for ten years.
   a. been playing
   b. has been playing
   c. have been playing

9. ________________ you been working here for a long time?
   a. Are
   b. Has
   c. Have

10. ________________ Mr. Brown been driving for a long time?
    a. Have
    b. Has
    c. Does

11. ________________ Mr. and Mrs. Robbins been painting all afternoon?
    a. Do
    b. Are
    c. Have

12. ________________ Mary been sleeping all morning?
    a. Has
    b. Does
    c. Is

13. Have you been working all morning? Yes, I _____________.
    a. am
    b. have
    c. do

14. Has John been cleaning the house all day? No, he _____________.
    a. hasn’t
    b. doesn’t
    c. isn’t

15. Have Romeo and Juliet been kissing all afternoon? No, they _____________.
    a. aren’t
    b. don’t
    c. haven’t
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16. Has Sherry been teaching the students all semester? Yes, she _____________.
   a. has
   b. does
   c. is

17. Maria and Sonia have to pay the registration fee, but Mrs. Lopez doesn’t because
   senior citizens are _________________.
   a. intelligent
   b. exempt
   c. wonderful

18. It’s important to write clearly on the _________________.
   a. registration slip
   b. registration fee
   c. materials fee

19. Take this registration slip to the register’s office to pay the _________________.
   a. register
   b. registration fee
   c. materials fee

20. We don’t want to be late. Tell the driver to ________________! 
   a. quickly
   b. slow down
   c. step on it
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STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY (page 26)
1. registration slip
2. registration fee
3. materials fee
4. Step on it
5. exempt
6. idiot

REGISTERING FOR A CLASS AT THE R.O.C (page 29)
1. T
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. T
7. T
8. F

THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE Questions and Answers (pages 34 & 35)
1. No, they haven’t. They’ve been watching TV all morning.
2. Yes, she has. She’s been filing since 10 am.
3. Yes, she has. She’s been cooking for 3 hours.
4. No, he hasn’t. He’s been studying English all afternoon.
5. Yes, I have. I’ve been playing the guitar since 7 pm.
6. Yes, we have. We’ve been waiting for 2 hours.
7. No, she hasn’t. She’s been cleaning the flower shop all morning.
8. Yes, they have. They’ve been crying since 2 am.

THE PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS TENSE (page 31)
1. She’s been swimming since she was a little girl.
2. I’ve been driving since I was 17.
3. He’s been playing soccer since he was young.
4. They’ve been driving since they were 18.
5. She’s been skating since she was a child.
6. They’ve been riding motorcycles since they were teenagers.