

Mr. Bascomb would like to be the next mayor of Wickam City. He has been running for office since last year. As a banker, Mr. Bascomb is concerned about the economy. He wants to bring more business to the city and has promised to build a toy factory in City Park. Mr. Bascomb has been making a lot of speeches lately. He has been talking to the voters about jobs, taxes, and crime. Mr. Bascomb has been spending a lot of money on his election campaign. So far, it has cost him over \$50,000.

1. How long has Mr. Bascomb been running for mayor?
2. What is Mr. Bascomb concerned about?
3. What has he promised to build in City Park?
4. Has Mr. Bascomb been making many speeches in recent weeks?
5. What has he been talking about?
6. What has Mr. Bascomb been doing to win the election?
7. How much has he spent so far?

b Otis Jackson is also running for mayor of Wickam City. He has been campaigning for a few months. As an artist, Otis appreciates the natural beauty of Wickam City. He wants to protect the environment and has promised to save City Park. Otis is concerned about the man in the street. He has been asking questions and listening to people's complaints about city government. Otis has very little money to spend on his campaign, but he has a lot of volunteers and they have been working hard for him.

1. How long has Otis been campaigning?
2. Does Otis think it's important to protect the environment?
3. What has he promised to do about City Park?
4. What kind of person is Otis concerned about?
5. How has he been showing his concern?
6. What kind of help does he have?
7. What have the volunteers been doing?

Complete the following sentences using the present perfect continuous.

Examples: Mr. Bascomb has been making a lot of speeches lately. (make)
 The volunteers have been working hard for Otis. (work)

1. Albert _____ at the university for two years now. (study)
2. He _____ a car since he was sixteen. (drive)
3. We _____ some beautiful weather this month. (have)
4. Linda _____ a lot of time at the beach. (spend)
5. I _____ some letters to my family. (write)
6. Mr. Golo _____ in Wickam City since 1965. (live)
7. He _____ at the same job for years. (work)
8. Our basketball team _____ a lot of games. (win)
9. The boys _____ hard this year. (play)