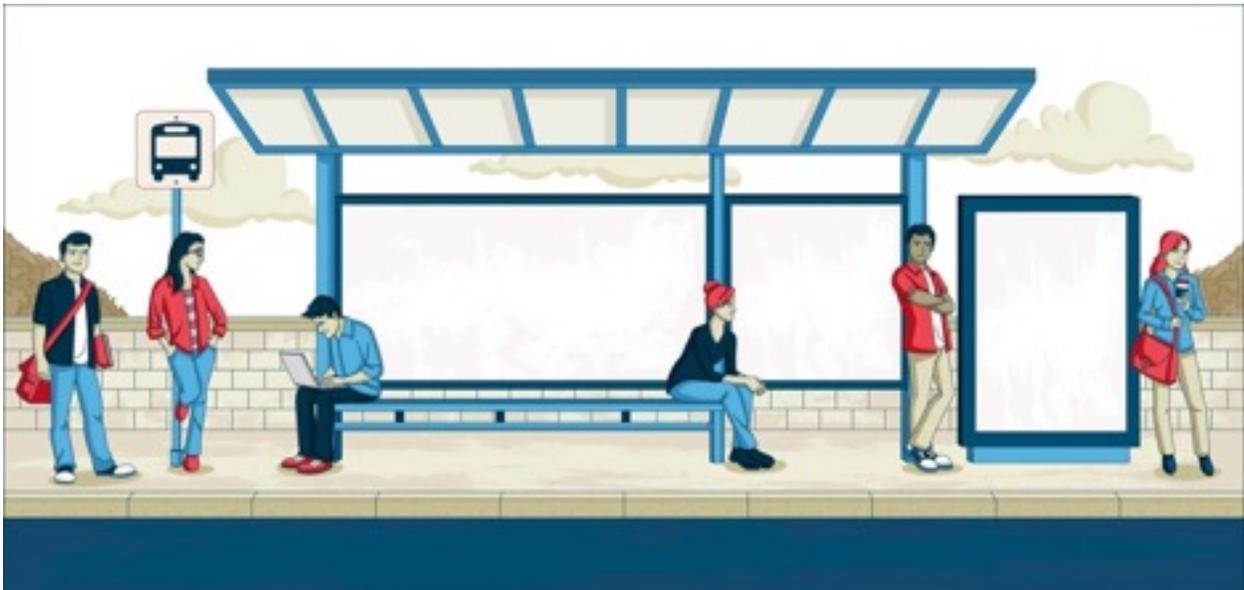


The Present Perfect Progressive Tense

A. First, review the forms of the present perfect progressive tense.

I have (I've) We have (We've) You have (You've) They have (They've) She has (She's) He has (He's) It has (It's)	+ been	+ the verb in its simple form* *You may need to delete the final e or double the final consonant.	+ ing
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B. Look at the drawing above. Where are these people? Where are they going? How do they feel?

C. Read the conversation between Person A and Person B on the next page. Fill in each blank with the present perfect progressive form of the verb in the first column. Then read the conversation aloud with a partner.

wait	A. I _____ for the Number 31 bus for fifteen minutes. Are you waiting for the Number 31, too?
wait	B. No, I'm waiting for the Number 6. I _____ for twenty minutes.
run	A. I wonder what's going on. My bus is usually on time, but this week it _____ late.
arrive	B. For the last month, my bus _____ late every day. But it's never been this late.
ride	A. My sister used to take the bus. But her bus was really late last Friday, and she _____ the subway ever since. She says the buses are too undependable.
use	B. My brother says the same thing. He doesn't take the bus anymore, either. Lately he _____ Uber or Lyft.
get	A. I might do that, too. The bus used to be great. But this week I _____ to work late.
take, miss	B. I know what you mean. I _____ the bus to the university all semester. But lately I _____ the beginning of class.
think	A. I _____ about buying a car. Hey—if I do, would you like a ride? I work near the university.
	B. That would be great. My name's Caitlin, by the way.
	A. I'm John.
	B. Here come our buses! Let me give you my number. Give me a call if you buy a car.
	A. I will. Bye, Caitlin.
	B. Bye, John.

D. What do you think will happen next? Write the ending to this story in the space below.