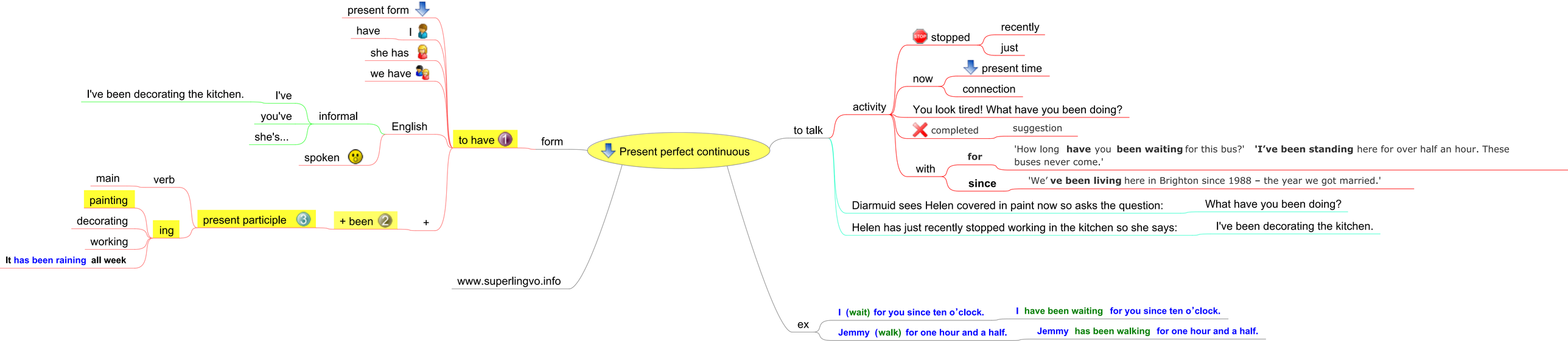
Present perfect continuous
form
to have 1
present form
have I
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present participle 3
verb
main
painting
decorating
working
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It has been raining all week
English
informal
I've
you've
she's...
I've been decorating the kitchen.
spoken
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to talk
activity
stopped
recently
just
now
present time
connection
You look tired! What have you been doing?
completed
suggestion
with
for
since
'How long have you been waiting for this bus?'
'I've been standing here for over half an hour. These buses never come.'
'We've been living here in Brighton since 1988 – the year we got married.'
Diarmuid sees Helen covered in paint now so asks the question:
What have you been doing?
Helen has just recently stopped working in the kitchen so she says:
I've been decorating the kitchen.
ex
I (wait) for you since ten o'clock.
I have been waiting for you since ten o'clock.
Jemmy (walk) for one hour and a half.
Jemmy has been walking for one hour and a half.