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CONTINUAL _____ CONTINUO (CON INTERRUPCIONES)

Continual indicates duration that continues over a long period of time, but with intervals of interruption. Here are some examples:

- The **continual** street repair disrupted traffic for nearly two years.
- I've had **continual** problems with this car ever since I bought it.
- I'm sorry - I can't work with these **continual** interruptions.
- In the end, it was the **continual** drinking that destroyed him.

CONTINUOUS _____ CONTINUO (SIN INTERRUPCIONES)

Continuous indicates duration without interruption. Here are some examples:

- The **continuous** humming of the fluorescent lights gave him a headache.
- My computer makes a **continuous** low buzzing noise.
- A **continuous** white line (= line without spaces) in the middle of the road means no overtaking.
- The tape ran in a **continuous** loop, repeating the same songs over and over.

CONSTANT _____ CONSTANTE

1) Happening a lot or all the time, continuous or regular over a long period of time

- He's in **constant** trouble with the police.
- Machines that are in **constant** use.
- a **constant** flow of traffic on the motorway
- His health has been a **constant** source of concern for us.
- The children need **constant** supervision.

2) staying the same, or not getting less or more:

- We ran at a fairly **constant** speed.
- The fridge keeps food at a **constant** temperature.

The adverbs continuously, continually and constantly preserve the same distinctions:

- The child screamed **continuously** as long as its mother was on the telephone.
- In this part of the country it rains **continually** during April.
- We are **constantly** reminded of his success.