

present perfect + *for* / *since*, present perfect continuouspresent perfect + *for* / *since*

They've **known** each other for ten years.

Julia **has had** that bag since she was at university.

A How long **have** you **worked** here?

B Since 1996.

A How long **has** your brother **had** his motorbike?

B For about a year.

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- We use the present perfect + *for* or *since* with **non-action verbs** (e.g. *like, have, know*, etc.) to talk about something which started in the past and is still true now.

*They've known each other for ten years.* (= they met ten years ago and they still know each other today)

- We use *How long...?* + present perfect to ask about an unfinished period of time (from the past until now).
- We use *for* + a period of time, e.g. *for two weeks*, or *since* + a point of time, e.g. *since 1990*.
- Don't use the present simple with *for* / *since*, NOT *They know each other for a long time*.

present perfect continuous: *have* / *has been* + verb + *-ing*

1 How long **have** you **been learning** English?

Nick **has been working** here since April.

They've **been going out** together for about three years.

2 Your eyes are red. **Have** you **been crying**?

No, I've **been cutting** onions.

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## a Correct the mistakes.

Harry is unemployed since last year.

*Harry has been unemployed since last year.*

- We've had our new flat since six months.
- Hi Jackie! How are you? I don't see you for ages!
- How long are you knowing your husband?
- Emily has been a volunteer for ten years ago.
- Paul doesn't eat anything since yesterday because he's ill.
- It hasn't rained since two months.
- How long has your parents been married?
- They're having their dog since they got married.
- I haven't had any emails from my brother for last Christmas.
- My grandmother lives in the same house all her life.

- We use the present perfect continuous with *for* and *since* with **action verbs** (e.g. *learn, work, go*, etc.) to talk about actions which started in the past and are still true now.

- Don't use the present continuous with *for* / *since*, NOT *I am working here for two years*.

- We can also use the present perfect continuous for continuous or repeated actions which have been happening very recently. The actions have usually just finished.

I've (I have) You've (You have) He / She / It's (He has) We've (We have) They've (They have)	<b>been working</b> here for two years.
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I haven't (I have not) You haven't He / She / It hasn't We haven't They haven't	<b>been working</b> here for two years.
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Have you <b>been working</b> here for two years?	Yes, I <b>have</b> .	No, I <b>haven't</b> .
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Has she <b>been working</b> here for two years?	Yes, she <b>has</b> .	No, she <b>hasn't</b> .
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**work and live**

*Work and live* are often used in either present perfect simple or present perfect continuous with the same meaning.

*I've lived here since 1980.*

*I've been living here since 1980.*

- Make sentences with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous (and *for* / *since* if necessary). Use the present perfect continuous if possible.

I / work for a charity / eight years

*I've been working for a charity for eight years.*

- we / know each other / we were children
- the children / play computer games / two hours
- your sister / have that hairstyle / a long time?
- I / love her / the first day we met
- my internet connection / not work / yesterday
- how long / you / wait?
- I / be a teacher / three years
- it / snow / five o'clock this morning
- Sam / not study enough / recently
- you / live in London / a long time?