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How long have you . . . ?

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Jane is on vacation in Brazil.

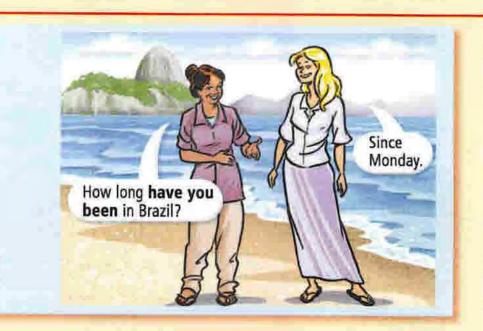
She is there now.

She arrived in Brazil on Monday.

Today is Thursday.

How long has she been in Brazil?

She has been in Brazil since Monday. for three days.



Compare is and has been:

She is in Brazil now.

is = present

She has been in Brazil since Monday.

has been = present perfect

Monday

now Thursday

B Compare:

Simple present Present perfect (have been / have lived / have known, etc.)

Dan and Kate are married. They have been married for five years.

(not They are married for five years.)

Are you married? How long have you been married?

(not How long are you married?)

Do you know Lisa? How long have you known her?

(not How long do you know her?)

I know Lisa. I've known her for a long time.

(not I know her for . . .)

Vera lives in Brasília. How long has she lived in Brasília?

She has lived there all her life.

I have a car. How long have you had your car?

I've had it since April.

Present continuous Present perfect continuous (have been + -ing)

I'm studying German. How long have you been studying German?

(not How long are you studying German?)

I've been studying German for two years.

David is watching TV. How long has he been watching TV?

He's been (= He has been) watching TV since 5:00.

It's raining. It's been (= It has been) raining all day.

Exercises

17.1 Complete these sentences.

1. Jane is in Brazil. She <u>has been</u> there since Monday.

2. I know Lisa. I have known her for a long time.

married since 1999. 3. Sarah and Andy are married. They ____

4. Brian is sick. He ______ sick for the last few days.

5. We live on Main Street. We ______ there for a long time.

6. Catherine works in a bank. She ______ in a bank for five years.

7. Alan has a headache. He ______ a headache since he got up this morning.

8. I'm studying English. I _____ English for six months.

17.2 Make questions with How long . . . ?

1. Jane is on vacation. 2. Scott and Judy are in Brazil. 3. I know Amy. 4. Diana is studying Italian. My brother lives in Seattle. 5. I'm a teacher. 6.

How long has she been on vacation ? How long ____ How long _____ you _____ ?

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Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with:

It is raining.

all her life for 10 minutes all day since he was 20 since Sunday for 10 years

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- 2. She _____
- 3. They _____
- 4. The sun _____
- 5. She _____

17.4 Which is right?

1. Mark lives / has lived in Canada since April. (has lived is right)

6. He _____

- 2. Jane and I are friends. I know / I've known her very well.
- 3. Jane and I are friends. I know / I've known her for a long time.
- 4. A: Sorry I'm late. How long are you waiting / have you been waiting? B: Not long. Only five minutes.
- 5. Martin works / has worked in a hotel now. He likes his job a lot.
- 6. Ruth is reading the newspaper. She is reading / She has been reading it for two hours.
- 7. "How long do you live / have you lived in this house?" "About 10 years."
- 8. "Is that a new coat?" "No, I have / I've had this coat for a long time."
- 9. Tom is / has been in Seattle right now. He is / He has been there for the last three days.