

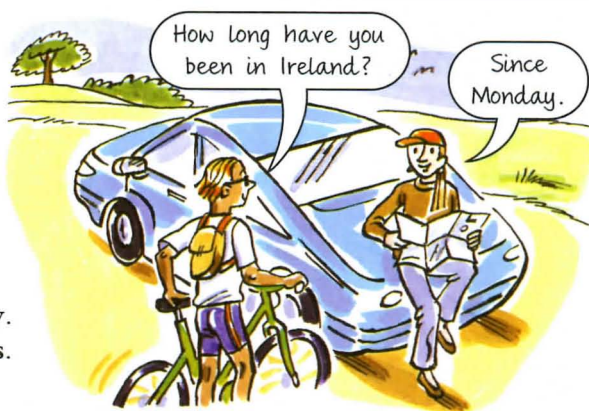
# How long have you ... ? (present perfect 4)

Jane is on holiday in Ireland.  
She is there now.

She arrived in Ireland on Monday.  
Today is Thursday.

How long **has she been** in Ireland?

She **has been** in Ireland { **since Monday.**  
**for three days.**



Compare **is** and **has been**:

She **is** in Ireland  
**now.**

**is** = present

She **has been** in Ireland { **since Monday.**  
**for three days.**

**has been** = present perfect

Monday

now

Thursday

Compare:

*present simple*

*present perfect simple* (**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 ...)

Vicky **lives** in London.

**How long has she lived** in London?

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 **learning** German.

**How long have you been learning** German?

(*not* How long are you learning German?)

David **is watching** TV.

I've **been learning** German **for two years.**

**How long has he been watching** TV?

He's **been** (= He **has been**) **watching** TV **since 5 o'clock.**

It's **raining.**

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

### 3.1 Complete these sentences.

- Jane is in Ireland. She has been in Ireland since Monday.
- I know Lisa. I have known her for a long time.
- Sarah and Andy are married. They ..... married since 1999.
- Brian is ill. He ..... ill for the last few days.
- We live in Scott Road. We ..... there for a long time.
- Catherine works in a bank. She ..... in a bank for five years.
- Alan has a headache. He ..... a headache since he got up this morning.
- I'm learning English. I ..... English for six months.

### 3.2 Make questions with How long ... ?

1	Jane is on holiday.	<u>How long has she been on holiday</u> ?
2	Scott and Judy are in Brazil.	How long ..... ?
3	I know Amy.	How long ..... you ..... ?
4	Diana is learning Italian.	..... ?
5	My brother lives in Canada.	..... ?
6	I'm a teacher.	..... ?
7	It is raining.	..... ?

### 3.3



### Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with:

- |                          |                 |              |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| for ten minutes          | all day         | all her life |
| <del>for ten years</del> | since he was 20 | since Sunday |

- They have been married for ten years.
- She .....
- They .....
- The sun .....
- She .....
- He .....

### 3.4 Which is right?

- Mark lives / has lived in Canada since April. (has lived is right)
- Jane and I are friends. I know / I've known her very well.
- Jane and I are friends. I know / I've known her for a long time.
- A: Sorry I'm late. How long are you waiting / have you been waiting?  
B: Not long. Only five minutes.
- Martin works / has worked in a hotel now. He likes his job a lot.
- Ruth is reading the newspaper. She is reading / She has been reading it for two hours.
- 'How long do you live / have you lived in this house?' 'About ten years.'
- 'Is that a new coat?' 'No, I have / I've had this coat for a long time.'
- Tom is / has been in Spain at the moment. He is / He has been there for the last three days.