

UNIT 8 Lesson B Present perfect continuous

1 Grammar focus: questions and statements with *for* and *since*

Use the present perfect continuous to talk about actions that started in the past, continue to now, and will probably continue in the future.

QUESTIONS

Have you **been living** here **for** a long time?

Has Tony **been working** here **for** a long time?

Have they **been working** here **for** a long time?

How long **have** you **been looking** for a job?

How long **has** Tony **been working** as a teacher's assistant?

How long **have** they **been working** at the school?

STATEMENTS

I've **been waiting** **for** a long time.

Lida **has been waiting** **since** 2:00.

We've **been waiting** **all** morning.

SHORT ANSWERS

Yes, I **have**.

No, I **haven't**.

Yes, he **has**.

No, he **hasn't**.

Yes, they **have**.

No, they **haven't**.

Since October.
For about a year.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

Use *since* with specific times.
Since 2011.

Use *for* with periods of time.
For two months.

2 Practice

A Write. Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect continuous with *for* or *since*.

1. **A** How long has Talia been practicing for her driving test?
(practice)

B For about three months.

2. **A** _____ you _____ here for a long time?
(work)

B No, I _____. I started six days ago.

3. **A** How long _____ Yin _____ for a job?
(look)

B _____ last year.

4. **A** _____ Mr. Rivera _____ people all day?
(interview)

B Yes, he _____.

5. **A** How long _____ you _____ to get an interview?
(wait)

B _____ March.

6. **A** How long _____ they _____ to night school?
(go)

B _____ one year.