

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 (practice) for her driving test?
B For about three months.

2. A you here for a long time?
B No, I . I started six days ago.

3. A How long Yin (look) for a job?
B last year.

4. A Mr. Rivera people all day?
B Yes, he .

5. A How long you (wait) to get an interview?
B March.

6. A How long they (go) to night school?
B one year.