

## 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.