

# How long have you ... ?



## Language focus

Use **How long have you ... ?** to ask about the length of time someone has been doing or had something.

**How long have you** had your motorbike?

In response to the question, you can use either **for** or **since**.

*I've had my bike **for** five years or I've had my bike **since** 2016.*

### 1 Correct the questions.

1 How long have you speaking Chinese?

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2 How longs have you lived in your flat?

3 Who long has your mother worked at the university?

4 How long has your brother be a police officer?

5 How long having you had a dog?

6 How long has you owned this piano?

**2** Complete the questions with the verbs from the box in the correct form.

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- 1 How long has your sister played the guitar?
- 2 How long has your mother been a journalist?
- 3 How long have you lived in your house?
- 4 How long have you had your tablet?
- 5 How long has your father worked as a doctor?
- 6 How long has your brother known Anthony?
- 7 How long have you studied Arabic?
- 8 How long have your grandparents been dance champions?

**3** Match the questions from Activity 2 with answers a-h.

- a For about two years. They dance every day!
- b Since September. It's not easy to learn, but I'm enjoying it.
- c For two months. She got a Fender for her birthday.
- d For a few days. I love it! It's much better than my laptop.
- e Since she left university.
- f For a long time. They started playing football together when they were about five years old.
- g For almost 20 years. He loves his job.
- h Since 2014. We love living here.

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**4** Write questions with *How long have / has* and *you / he / she ... ?*

- 1 How long have you known John?

I've known John since we were four years old.

- 2

She's lived in Rome for two years.

- 3

He's been a teacher for four years.

- 4

I've lived in my house since I was three.

- 5

He's played basketball since 2013.

- 6

I've been here for 20 minutes.