

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 _____ a journalist?
- 3 How long have you _____ in your house?
- 4 How long have you _____ your tablet?
- 5 How long has your father _____ as a doctor?
- 6 How long has your brother _____ Anthony?
- 7 How long have you _____ Arabic?
- 8 How long have your grandparents _____ dance champions?

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

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| 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. | <u>1</u> |
| 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. | _____ |

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.