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?
How long have you spoken Chinese?

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?

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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.**

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. 1
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.

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