

How long have you ... ?

Rachel is on vacation in Brazil.
She is there now.

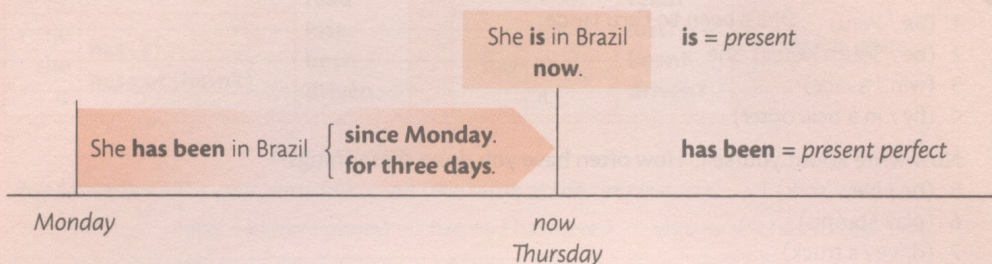
She arrived in Brazil on Monday.
Today is Thursday.

How long **has she been** in Brazil?

She **has been** in Brazil { **since Monday.**
for three days.



Compare **is** and **has been**:



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Compare:

Simple present

Dan and Kate **are** married.

Are you married?

Do you **know** Lisa?

I know Lisa.

Vera **lives** in Brasília.

I have a car.

Present perfect (have been / have lived / have known, etc.)

They **have been** married **for five years**.
(not They are married for five years.)

How long have you been married?
(not How long are you married?)

How long have you known her?
(not How long do you know her?)

I've known her **for a long time**.
(not I know her for ...)

How long has she **lived** in Brasília?
She **has lived** there **all her life**.

How long have you **had** your car?
I've had it **since April**.

Present continuous

I'm studying German.

David **is watching** TV.

It's **raining**.

Present perfect continuous (have been + -ing)

How long have you been studying German?
(not How long are you studying German?)
I've been studying German **for two years**.

How long has he **been watching** TV?
He's been (= He **has been**) **watching** TV **since 5:00**.

It's been (= It **has been**) **raining** **all day**.

17.1 Complete these sentences.

- 1 Rachel is in Brazil. She has been there since Monday.
- 2 I know Lisa. I have known her for a long time.
- 3 Amy and Jason are married. They married since 2005.
- 4 Matt is sick. He sick for the last few days.
- 5 We live on Main Street. We there for a long time.
- 6 Catherine works in a bank. She in a bank for five years.
- 7 Nick has a headache. He a headache since he got up this morning.
- 8 I'm studying English. I English for six months.

17.2 Make questions with **How long ... ?**

- 1 Emily is on vacation.
- 2 Dan and Megan are in Brazil.
- 3 I know Emma.
- 4 Rachel is studying Italian.
- 5 My brother lives in Seattle.
- 6 I'm a teacher.
- 7 It is raining.

- How long has she been on vacation ?
- How long ?
- How long you ?
- ?
- ?
- ?
- ?

17.3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with:

- for 10 minutes all day all her life
- ~~for 10 years~~ since he was 20 since Sunday



- 1 They have been married for 10 years.
- 2 She
- 3 They
- 4 The sun
- 5 She
- 6 He

17.4 Which is right?

- 1 Ryan ~~lives~~ / has lived in Canada since April. (has lived is right)
- 2 Olivia and I are friends. I know / I've known her very well.
- 3 Olivia and I are friends. I know / I've known her for a long time.
- 4 A: Sorry I'm late. How long are you waiting / have you been waiting?
B: Not long. Only five minutes.
- 5 John works / has worked in a hotel now. He likes his job a lot.
- 6 Amanda is reading a newspaper. She is reading / She has been reading it for two hours.
- 7 "How long do you live / have you lived in this house?" "About 10 years."
- 8 "Is that a new coat?" "No, I have / I've had this coat for a long time."
- 9 Tom is / has been in Seattle right now. He is / He has been there for the last three days.