

How long have you . . . ?

A

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

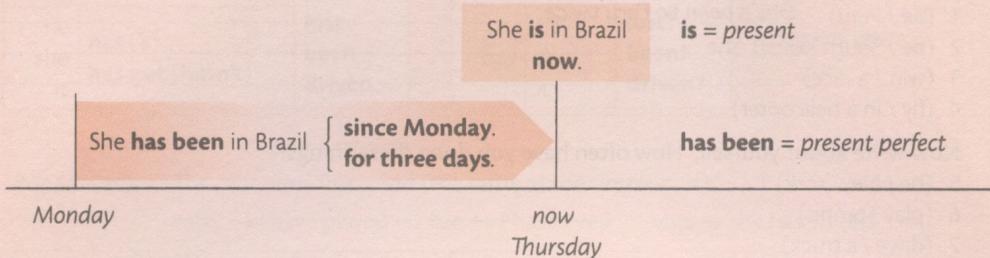
She arrived in Brazil on Monday.
Today is Thursday.

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

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



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



B

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.

Exercises

Unit 17

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 are married since 2005.
- 4 Matt is sick. He has been sick for the last few days.
- 5 We live on Main Street. We have lived there for a long time.
- 6 Catherine works in a bank. She has worked in a bank for five years.
- 7 Nick has a headache. He has had a headache since he got up this morning.
- 8 I'm studying English. I have studied 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.