

How long have you (been) ... ?

A

Study this example situation:



Dan and Jenny are married. They got married exactly 20 years ago, so today is their 20th wedding anniversary.

They have been married for 20 years. 그들은 20년들 동안 결혼되어져 왔다. 그들은 결혼한지 20년 되었다.

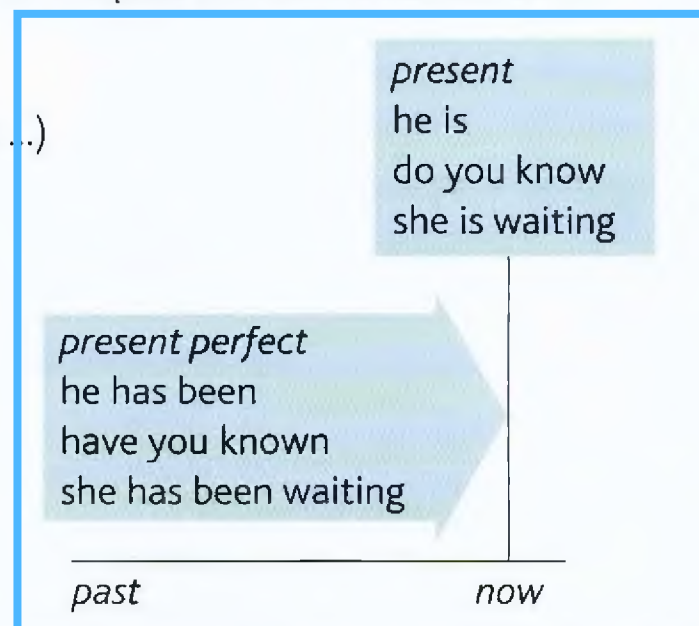
We say: They are married. (*present*)

but How long have they been married? (*present perfect*)
(not How long are they married?)

They have been married for 20 years.
(not They are married for 20 years)

We use the *present perfect* to talk about something that began in the past and still continues now.
Compare the *present* and the *present perfect*:

- ☐ Paul is in hospital.
- but He's been in hospital since Monday. (= He has been ...)
(not Paul is in hospital since Monday)
- ☐ Do you know each other well?
- but Have you known each other for a long time?
(not Do you know)
- ☐ She's waiting for somebody.
- but She's been waiting all morning.
- ☐ Do they have a car?
- but How long have they had their car?



B

I have known/had/lived etc. is the *present perfect simple*. 현재완료

I have been learning / been waiting / been doing etc. is the *present perfect continuous*. 현재완료진행

When we ask or say 'how long', the continuous is more usual (see Unit 10):

- ☐ I've been learning English for six months.
- ☐ It's been raining since lunchtime.
- ☐ Richard has been doing the same job for 20 years.
- ☐ 'How long have you been driving?' 'Since I was 17.'

Some verbs (for example, know/like/believe) are not normally used in the continuous:

- ☐ How long have you known Jane? (not have you been knowing)
- ☐ I've had a pain in my stomach all day. (not I've been having)

See also Units 4A and 10C. For **have**, see Unit 17.

C

You can use either the present perfect continuous or simple with **live** and **work**:

- ☐ Julia has been living / has lived here for a long time.
- ☐ How long have you been working / have you worked here?

But use the simple (I've lived / I've done etc.) with **always**:

- ☐ I've always lived in the country. (not always been living)

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We say 'I haven't done something since/for ...' (*present perfect simple*):

- ☐ I haven't seen Tom since Monday. (= Monday was the last time I saw him)
- ☐ Sarah hasn't phoned for ages. (= the last time she phoned was ages ago)