How long have you ...?

(present perfect 4)

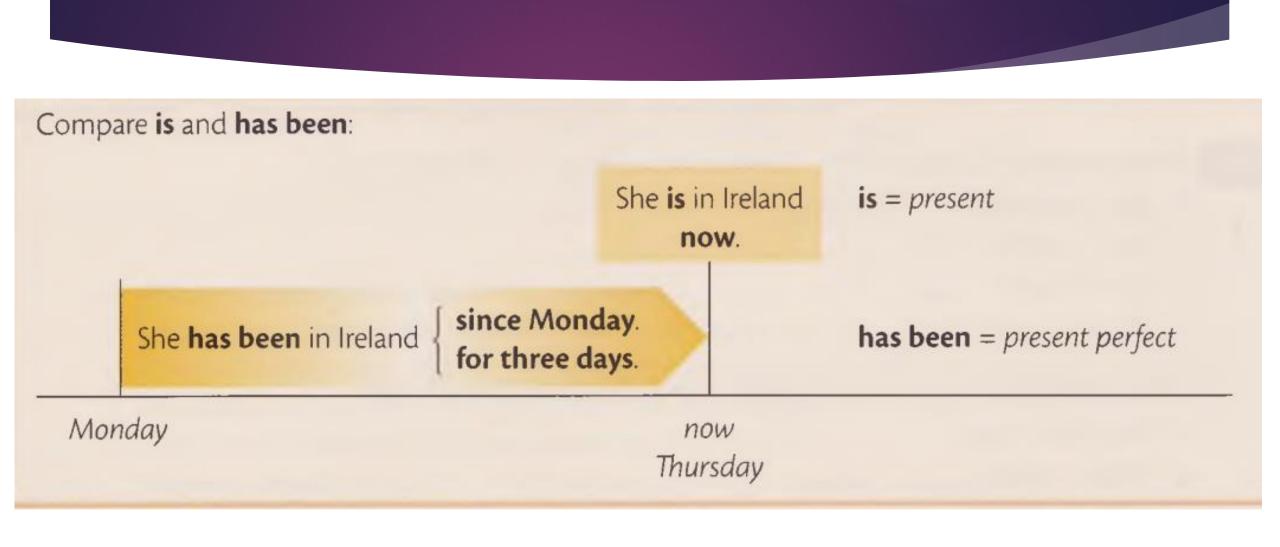
Helen is on holiday in Ireland. She is there now.

She arrived in Ireland on Monday. Today is Thursday.

How long has she been in Ireland?

She has been in Ireland since Monday. for three days.





Compare:

present simple present perfect simple (have been / have lived / have known etc.)

Dan and Kate are married. They have been married for five years.

(not They are married for five years.)

Are you married? How long have you been married?

(not How long are you married?)

Do you know Lisa? How long have you known her?

(not How long do you know her?)

know Lisa. I've known her for a long time.

(not I know her for ...)

Vicky lives in London. How long has she lived in London?

She has lived there all her life.

have a car. How long have you had your car?

I've had it since April.

present continuous

present perfect continuous (have been + -ing)

I'm learning German.

How long have you been learning German?

(not How long are you learning German?)

I've been learning German for two years.

David is watching TV.

How long has he been watching TV?

He's been (= He has been) watching TV since 5 o'clock.

It's raining.

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

Airport Vocabulary



You have to choose the Class - usually airlines have three classes – Economy, Business and First class, where the first class is the most expensive and the most comfortable and economy is the cheapest and the least comfortable.



You have to check-in for your flight. Meaning that you have to confirm your presence on a flight by showing your ticket at the airport, at the check-in desk. And to get your boarding pass or you can do it online (and this is what a lot of airlines require you to do).

A boarding pass – is a document that allows you to board a plane. It identifies you as a passenger, your seat, a flight number and the boarding time and the time of departure.



Boarding time - it's the time at which passengers are invited to enter the plane. It's also displayed on continually updated departure screens at the airport. So pay attention to those, because it can change due to a delay or it can even be canceled or your gate can change.

Gate – it's a doorway that opens to a jet bridge which leads to a plane.

baggage
luggage
carry-on baggage
baggage claim

Baggage, luggage – it's your personal stuff that you take with you on a trip.

Carry-on baggage - it's a baggage that you can take with you on a plane and place it either under the seat in front of you or in the overhead compartment. It has to be small enough so that you can take it with you on a plane. And, the criteria vary from airline to airline. So have to pay attention.

A baggage claim - it's an area at the airport where you can pick up your baggage after a flight, when you arrive.

take off land touchdown

When a plane takes off it leaves the ground and begins to fly. And then it lands when it touches the ground after a flight. Also a landing is called touchdown.