

3. Present Perfect with *How long*?

*How long have you lived in that house?
I have lived there for a year.*

Learning Objective

- You will be able to ask and answer questions about periods of time using *How long?* and the Present Perfect.

Noticing

Notice how we ask questions using *How long?* and the Present Perfect:

<i>How long</i>	<i>have/has</i>	subject	Past Participle	complement
How long	have	you	studied	English?
How long	has	she	been	here?

Notice the auxiliary changes depending on the subject: *have you/has she*.

Understanding

We use *How long...?* when we want to know the period of time a past action has continued **up until now**. We often use *for* and *since* when responding to these types of questions.

Tanya went to Paris last Monday. Today is Thursday. She is still in Paris. So, "**How long** has Tanya been in Paris?"

She has been in Paris for four days
Monday (arrived in Paris) Thursday (today)

She has been in Paris since Monday
Monday (arrived in Paris) Thursday (today) →

Did you know?

We cannot ask questions in the negative form when using *How long?*