

HOW LONG...?

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Make a question, then answer it. Each situation continues now.

Write a **How long...?** question and a full answer using the time clue with **for** or **since**.
For statements with **I**, ask with **you** and answer with **I**.

EXAMPLE

I live in Tokyo. **Time clue:** five years

Question: How long have you lived in Tokyo?

Answer: I've lived in Tokyo for five years.

1. I study English. **Time clue:** three years

Question: _____

Answer: _____

2. I have this phone. **Time clue:** January

Question: _____

Answer: _____

3. Emma is waiting for the bus. **Time clue:** twenty minutes

Question: _____

Answer: _____

4. I know my teacher. **Time clue:** 2022

Question: _____

Answer: _____

5. They work at this cafe. **Time clue:** last summer

Question: _____

Answer: _____

6. Tom is married. **Time clue:** ten years

Question: _____

Answer: _____

Check: have or has? been + -ing or a past participle? for or since?

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Teacher reference | Suggested answers and acceptable alternatives

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

1. I study English. (three years)

Question: How long have you been studying English?

Answer: I've been studying English for three years.

Also accept: How long have you studied English? / I've studied English for three years.

2. I have this phone. (January)

Question: How long have you had this phone?

Answer: I've had this phone since January.

3. Emma is waiting for the bus. (twenty minutes)

Question: How long has Emma been waiting for the bus?

Answer: She's been waiting for the bus for twenty minutes.

4. I know my teacher. (2022)

Question: How long have you known your teacher?

Answer: I've known my teacher since 2022.

5. They work at this cafe. (last summer)

Question: How long have they been working at this cafe?

Answer: They've been working at this cafe since last summer.

Also accept: How long have they worked at this cafe? / They've worked at this cafe since last summer.

6. Tom is married. (ten years)

Question: How long has Tom been married?

Answer: He's been married for ten years.

MARKING NOTES

Accept full forms as well as contractions, and names or pronouns where the meaning is clear. "Since last summer" can be written with either perfect form in item 5. The continuous form is the natural choice for the ongoing wait in item 3.

In the Tokyo example, also accept **How long have you been living in Tokyo?** and **I've been living in Tokyo for five years.** Use simple forms for possession, knowing someone and being married: **have had, have known, has been married.**