

1. Complete the sentences in the Present Perfect Continuous to describe the duration of the unfinished actions:



a. Chris is practicing the guitar. He started practicing thirty minutes ago.
Chris **has been practicing the guitar** for thirty minutes.



b. The man is working. He started working at 8 AM.
The man **has been working** since 8 AM.



c. Andrea usually goes to Jamaica for her vacation. She started going there four years ago.

Andrea [has been going to Jamaica for her vacation](#) for four years.



d. I usually do my grocery shopping at Mary's Market. I started going there when it opened in 2002.

I [have been doing my grocery shopping at Mary's Market](#) since 2002.



e. I am waiting in line. I joined the line ten minutes ago.
I **have been waiting in line** for ten minutes.



f. It's snowing. The snow started an hour ago.
It **has been snowing** for an hour.



g. Susan is learning how to drive. She started learning about six months ago. She **has been learning how to drive** for six months.



h. Will smokes. He started smoking when he was 13 years old. Will **has been smoking** since he was 13 years old.



i. Jane plays the drums in a band. She joined the band a year ago.
Jane **has been playing the drums in a band** for a year.



j. Kate takes the subway to work. She started doing this a couple of years ago.
Kate **has been taking the subway to work** for a couple of years.



k. Jen and Stacey are watching a movie. They started the movie about an hour and a half ago.

Jen and Stacey **have been watching a movie** for an hour and a half.



l. Jeff plays tennis. He started playing tennis when he was in high school.

Jeff **has been playing tennis** since he was in high school.

2. Complete the sentences with **for** or **since**:

- a. He has been in this country **since** 1987.
- b. I've been waiting **for** many hours.
- c. She's had that dress **for** a couple years.
- d. The author has been writing **since** he finished university.
- e. I've lived in this building **for** ten years.
- f. We've only had that car **for** six months.
- g. I've been reading this magazine **since** I was a child.
- h. The team has been competing **since** the season started.
- i. I've admired her music **since** her debut album.
- j. He's been wearing glasses **for** a few years.
- k. There have been hundreds of accidents on this road **since** 2008.
- l. I've only been here **for** a couple of minutes.

3. Choose the correct word(s) to complete each sentence. For some, both answers are correct:



a. She's ... a cold for the past few days.

- had
- been having



b. He's ... for this company for many years.

- worked
- been working



c. I've ... playing hockey since I was a child.

- liked
- been liking



d. My brother's ... a shower for twenty minutes.

- taken
- **been taking**



e. It's ... for the last two days.

- rained
- **been raining**



f. I've ... the drums since I was in high school.

- played
- been playing



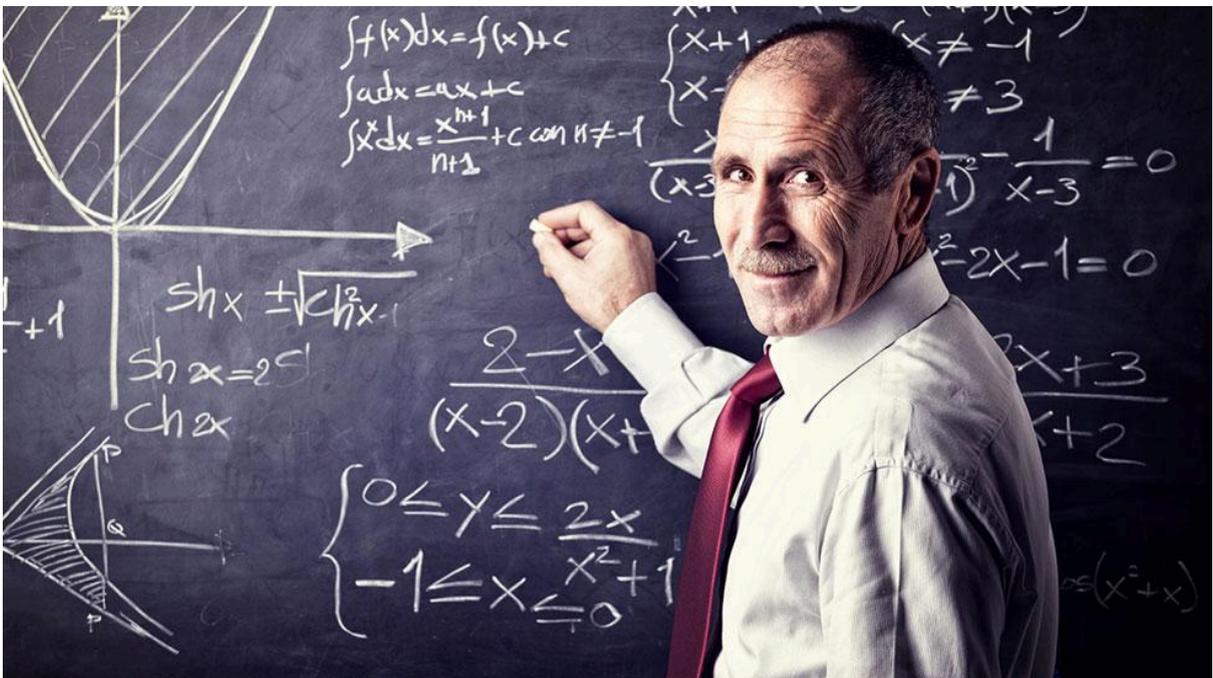
g. She's ... glasses for many years.

- worn
- been wearing



h. We've ... each other since we started working together a few years ago.

- known
- been knowing



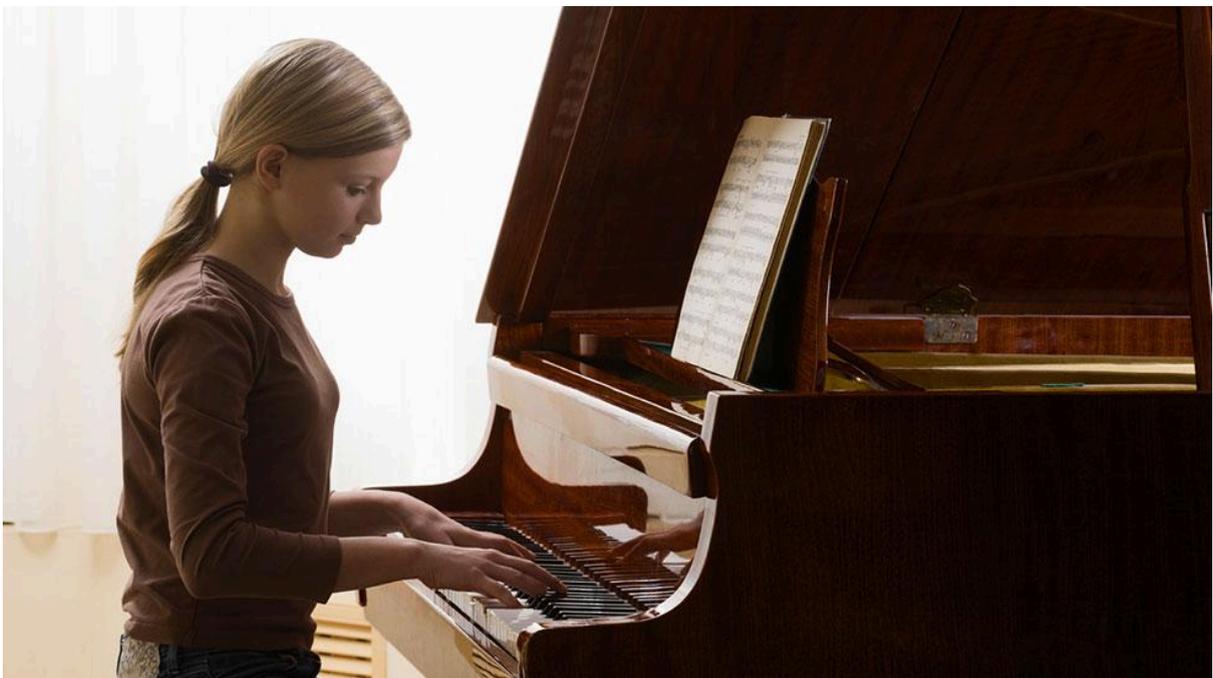
i. Mr. Dumont's ... math for over thirty years.

- taught
- has been teaching



j. We've ... coming to the restaurant since the first time we ate here.

- loved
- been loving



k. I've ... the piano since my grandmother gave it to me a few years ago.

- owned
- been owning



I. My husband has ... since he was a teenager.

- smoked
- been smoking

4. Complete the questions:

a. how long / Steve / work / today

How long has Steve been working today?

b. how long / you / have / your computer

How long have you had your computer?

c. you / wait / for me / for a long time

Have you been waiting for me for a long time?

d. how long / Christine / speak / French

How long has Christine spoken / been speaking French?

e. you / be / here / since 5 PM or 6 PM

Have you been here since 5 PM or 6 PM?

f. how long / there / be / a problem?

How long has there been a problem?

g. how long / you / be / interested in photography

How long have you been interested in photography?

h. you / know / Tom / for a long time

Have you known Tom for a long time?

i. how long / she / be / sick

How long has she been sick?

j. it / rain / for a long time

Has it been raining for a long time?

5. Use the verbs in parentheses to complete the sentences:



a. Paul **has been playing** (play) for the team since 2007. His team **has won** (win) the league title four times since then.



b. I **have been painting** (paint) for two years. I **haven't sold** (not sell) any of my paintings yet.



c. Liam **has made** (make) a lot of money by playing poker. He **has been playing** (play) professionally for the past five years.



d. Adele **has released** (release) three studio albums as of 2016. She **has been making** (make) music since she was a child.



e. I've been drinking (drink) coffee all morning. So far, I've already had (already have) four cups.



f. We've caught (catch) only one fish, but we've been fishing (fish) for more than six hours.



g. I've **been using** this camera for the past few days, and I've **taken** some amazing shots with it.