

2B GRAMMAR present perfect + *for* / *since* present perfect continuous

- a** Look at the pictures. What have they been doing? Use the present perfect continuous. Use contractions where possible.



1 He 's been cooking.



2 She has been playing the violin since she got up this morning.



3 Melanie hasn't been feeling well since last week. She has flu.



4 You have been sitting at her for hours. Go and talk to her!



5 Your face looks like a tomato! What have you been doing?



6 Tim has been following the instructions for hours.

- b** Complete the questions and answers with the present perfect simple, or the present perfect continuous, and *for* or *since*. Use contractions where possible.



- 1 A How long has he been waiting to speak to someone? (he / wait)
B He 's been waiting for half an hour.
- 2 A How long have you been working here? (you / work)
B I have been working here for three months now.
- 3 A How long have you been going out with Rob? (you / go out)
B We have been going out since we left school.
- 4 A How long has Penny been single? (Penny / be)
B I think she has been single since she broke up with Paul.
- 5 A How long have you had your driving licence? (you / have)
B I have had it for ten years.
- 6 A How long has Pete been trying to find a job? (Pete / try)
B He has been trying since he left university last year, but no luck!
- 7 A How long has your sister wanted to be a doctor? (your sister / want)
B She has wanted to be a doctor since she was seven years old.
- 8 A How long have you known Terry? (you / know)
B I have known him for years. He's an old friend of the family.

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- c** Cover the sentences in **b**. Look at the pictures and remember the sentences.

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 2B

a)

2 's been playing

3 hasn't been feeling / hasn't been

4 've been looking

5 have you been doing

6 's been reading

b)

2 A.- have you been working

B.- 've been working; for

3 A.- have you been going out

B.- 've been going out; since

4 A.- has Penny been

B.- 's been single; since

5 A.- have you had

B.- 've had; for

6 A.- has Pete been trying

B.- 's been trying; since

7 A.- has your sister wanted

B.- 's wanted; since

8 A.- have you known

B.- 've known; for