

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the violin since she got up this morning.



3 Melanie \_\_\_\_\_ well since last week. She has flu.



4 You \_\_\_\_\_ at her for hours. Go and talk to her!



5 Your face looks like a tomato! What \_\_\_\_\_?



6 Tim \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ here? (you / work)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ here \_\_\_\_\_ three months now.
- 3 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ with Rob? (you / go out)  
B We \_\_\_\_\_ we left school.
- 4 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ single? (Penny / be)  
B I think she \_\_\_\_\_ she broke up with Paul.
- 5 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ your driving licence? (you / have)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ ten years.
- 6 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ to find a job? (Pete / try)  
B He \_\_\_\_\_ he left university last year, but no luck!
- 7 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ to be a doctor? (your sister / want)  
B She \_\_\_\_\_ to be a doctor \_\_\_\_\_ she was seven years old.
- 8 A How long \_\_\_\_\_ Terry? (you / know)  
B I \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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- 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