How long...

60 mini-dialogues to practice present perfect continuous

The card says...

use Instagram

be Interested in fashion

Dialogue

A: Do you use Instagram?

B: Yes, I do

A: How long have you been using it?

B: I've been using it for about 3 years.

A: Are you interested in fashion?

B: No, I'm not.

A: Never mind.

do your job go to English lessons live in your home* watch sports on TV use Instagram

know your English teacher*

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use your favourite social network know your best friend* have a wallet or purse have the shoes you are wearing now* try to learn English

be interested in fashion

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have a car be able to boil an egg sit in this seat be able to drive listen to pop music

watch films on the internet English Should Be Fun .com

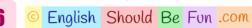
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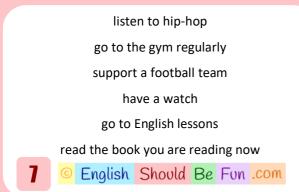
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use WhatsApp go to a beauty salon use Skype go to a health clinic be interested in football be able to swim

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listen to classical music listen to rap watch funny videos on YouTube play a musical instrument pay tax do sports





be interested in history have the coat you are wearing today know about how babies are made know the truth about Santa Claus go to the dentist regularly do fitness







do dance be trying to get fitter live in your town/city* watch American TV shows go to school play computer games English Should Be Fun .com know the person sitting next to you* be able to count to 10 in English have an Instagram account wear earrings live in your district* have a passport







Remember - If it's an active verb, use present perfect continuous. If it's a state, use present perfect. You can answer with for, since or all.

Active verbs		State verbs
How long have you been waiting?	how long	How long have you had your watch?
How long have you been learning English?	how long	How long have you known about it?
I've been driving for more than 20 years.	for	We've known each other for 30 years.
It's been snowing for three hours.	for	They've been married for 62 years.
I've been cooking since I got home.	since	I've believed in God since I was young.
I've been working there since I left school.	since	I've had this car since I was 18.
You've been lying on the sofa all day!	all	l've been ill all week.
I've been looking for my keys all morning.	all	We've known each other all our lives.
I've been forgetting everything recently.	recently	I've had a lot of headaches recently.

^{*} When there is a star, you don't need to ask the first question. You start with the "How long..." question.

Answers

	How long have you been doing your job?		
1			
	How long have you been going to English lessons?		
	How long have you been living in your home?		
	How long have you been watching sports on TV?		
	How long have you been using Instagram?		
	How long have you known your boss?		
	How long have you been using your favourite social network?		
	How long have you known your best friend?		
2	How long have you had your wallet or purse?		
	How long have you had the shoes your wearing now?		
	How long have you been trying to learn English?		
	How long have you been interested in fashion?		
	How long have you had your car?		
	How long have you been able to boil an egg?		
2	How long have you been sitting in this seat?		
3	How long have you been able to drive?		
	How long have you been listening to pop music?		
	How long have you been watching films on the internet?		
	How long have you been learning English?		
	How long have you been able to ride a bicycle?		
	How long have you been awake today?		
4	How long have you had your phone?		
	How long have you been drinking coffee regularly?		
	How long have you known how to use a computer?		
5	How long have you been using WhatsApp?		
	How long have you been going to your current beauty salon?		
	How long have you been using Skype?		
	How long have you been going to your health clinic?		
	How long have you been interested in football?		
	How long have you been able to swim?		
	How long have you been listening to classical music?		
	How long have you been listening to rap?		
	How long have you been watching funny videos on Youtube?		
6	How long have you been playing a musical instrument?		
	How long have you been paying tax?		
	How long have you been doing sports?		

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