

VERB TENSE REVIEW: PRESENT PERFECT

Directions: Compare the different meanings in the following sentences. Determine which sentences express duration.

1. a. Florence **is taking** French classes.
b. Monica **has been taking** French classes for three months.

2. a. Karen **has been** in London for two years. She likes it there.
b. Jan **has been** in London. She's also been in Vienna. She's been in Camden and Beijing. She's been in many cities. She travels a lot.

3. a. Ralph **has visited** his nephew and niece many times.
b. Larry **has been visiting** nephew and niece for the last five days.

4. a. Daniel **is talking** on the phone.
b. Daniel **talks** on the phone a lot.
c. Daniel **has been talking** to his supervisor on the phone for thirty minutes.
d. Daniel **has talked** to his supervisor on the phone many times.

5. a. Mr. Jones **walks** his cat in Carolina Park every morning.
b. Mr. Jones **has walked** his cat in Carolina Park many times.
c. Mr. Jones **walked** his cat in Carolina Park five times last week.
d. Mr. Jones **is walking** his cat in Carolina Park right now.
e. Mr. Jones **has been walking** his cat in Carolina Park since nine o'clock.

Directions: Create sentences about your life using the given time expressions. Use the simple past, present perfect, or present perfect progressive.

Example: for the last two weeks

I have had a cold for the last two weeks.

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| 1. since I was a kid | 7. since last Thursday |
| 2. for many years | 8. for a number of years |
| 3. so far today | 9. a week ago today |
| 4. many times in my life | 10. for the last ten minutes |
| 5. for a long time | 11. already..., but...yet |
| 6. never | 12. still..., but...anymore |