

II PRESENT PERFECT E LA DURATION FORM

- Per esprimere uno stato o un'azione che, iniziata in precedenza, **perdura al momento presente**, in inglese si usa il passato prossimo (*present perfect*). In italiano si usa il *presente*.
- Nel caso dei verbi di stato (p es *to be, to have, to know, to love*), si usa il present perfect simple:

I've known Mark for five years (**conosco** Marco da cinque anni) → ho incontrato Marco per la prima volta cinque anni fa)

I've been here since 8 o'clock (**sono** qui dalle otto) → (sono arrivato alle 8 e sono ancora qui)

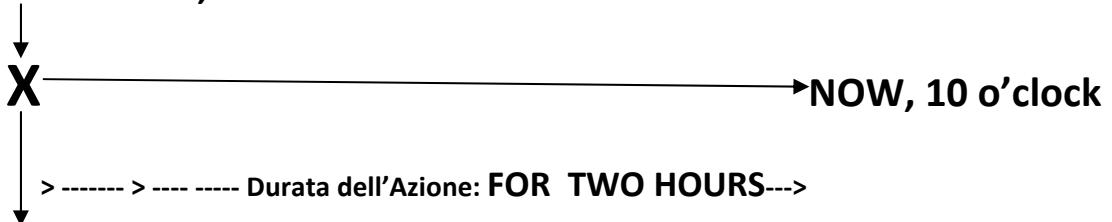
- Nel caso di verbi di azione (p es *to work, to study, to wait*) si può usare il present perfect continuous:

I've been studying since 4 o'clock (**studio** dalle 4) → ho iniziato a studiare alle quattro e sto ancora studiando: I started to study *at 4 o'clock* and *I'm still studying*

He's been working for two hours (**lavora** da due ore) → ha iniziato a lavorare due ore fa e sta ancora lavorando: he started to work *two hours ago* and *he's still working*

- La domanda con cui si chiede **da quanto tempo** dura l'azione : *how long....?* (verbo al present perfect). Si risponde usando *for*. *For* precisa la **durata** dell'azione.
- La domanda con cui si chiede **da quando** dura l'azione: *since when....?* (verbo al present perfect). Si risponde usando *since*. *Since* evidenzia l'**inizio** dell'azione.

TWO HOURS AGO, 8 O'CLOCK



Inizio dell'azione: SINCE 8 O'CLOCK

- *How long have you been here? I've been here for two hours* (da quanto tempo sei qui? Da due ore)
- *Since when have you been here? I've been here since 8 o'clock* (da quando sei qui? Dalle otto)

NOTA la differenza:

My father **has worked** in that office *for twenty years* (mio padre **lavora** in quell'ufficio *da* venti anni, e *lavora ancora lì*). → present perfect

My father **worked** in that office for twenty years (mio padre **ha lavorato** in quell'ufficio per venti anni, e ora *non lavora più lì*) → past simple

SINCE or FOR?

yesterday – ages – a long time – I was a child – 2008 – a month – January – weeks – about ten years – a couple of weeks – she was 12 – midnight – more than two months – 11 o'clock – my birthday – Christmas – five minutes – an hour – we first met – I bought a new mobile

COMPLETE the sentences.

1. I (be) in this school for three years
2. We (know) John since 2009
3. Mary (have) a new mobile phone for a couple of months
4. I (study) English since I was at the primary school
5. My parents(be) married for twenty-five years
6. It (rain) since this morning
7. Tom(play) the guitar for more than ten years
8. I (not/see) George for ages

TRANSFORM the sentences

Ex: John lives in London. He moved to London last July (live)

→ John *has lived* in London *since* last July

1. Richard is in a rock band. He joined the band two years ago (play) - *Richardin a rock band for.....*
2. Simon has a new bike. He bought it on his birthday (have)
3. I don't see films at the cinema any more. I last went to the cinema in 2010. (not/see)
4. They are good friends. They met last summer (know)
5. I support Arsenal. I started supporting Arsenal when I was a child (support)

TRANSLATE

1. Non piove da un mese
2. Ti aspetto da un'ora
3. Ho questa macchina da cinque anni
4. Non lo vedo dallo scorso Natale
5. Conosco Jimmy da quando eravamo bambini
6. Leggo solo e-books da quando ho comprato un iPad
7. Da quando sei vegetariano? Sono vegetariano da un paio d'anni.
8. Da quanto tempo suoni la chitarra? Da circa otto anni.

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COMPLETE the sentences.

I *have been* in this school for three years

We *have known* John since 2009

Mary *has had* a new mobile phone for a couple of months

I *have studied* English since I was at the primary school

My parents *have been* married for twenty-five years

It *has rained / has been raining* since this morning

Tom *has played* the guitar for more than ten years

I *haven't seen* George for ages

TRANSFORM the sentences

Richard has played / has been playing in a rock band for two years.

Simon has had a new bike since his birthday

I haven't seen films at the cinema since 2010.

They have known since last summer

I've been supporting Arsenal since I was a child

TRANSLATE

It hasn't rained / hasn't been raining for a month

I've waited / I've been waiting for you for an hour

I've had this car for five years

I haven't seen him since last Christmas

I've known Jimmy since we were children

I've read / I've been reading only e-books since I bought an iPad

Since when have been vegetarian? I've been vegetarian for a couple of years

How long have you played / have you been playing the guitar? For about eight years.