



HOW LONG

for / since

WE USE "HOW LONG" WITH THE PRESENT PERFECT TENSE TO ASK THE LENGTH OF A PERIOD OF TIME.

WE USE EITHER "SINCE" OR "FOR" TO ANSWER HOW LONG QUESTIONS.

"FOR" IS USED TO EXPRESS DURATION.

"SINCE" IS USED TO STATE A STARTING POINT

Example:

How long **have** you **learnt** Japanese? How long **have** you **lived** here?

-**for** a month

-**for** a year

-**since** January

-**since** 2009

How long **have** you **worked** in the shop?

-**for** 2 years

-**since** August