

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.



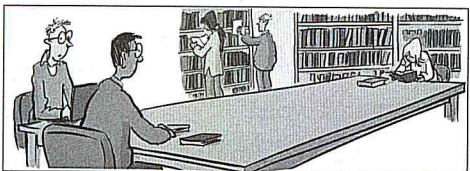
1 He *'s been cooking* _____.



2 She _____ the violin since she got up this morning.



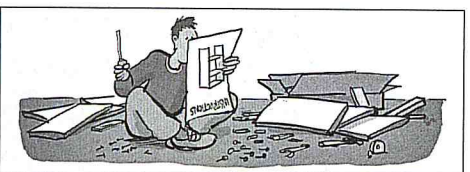
3 Melanie _____ well since last week. She has flu.



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.