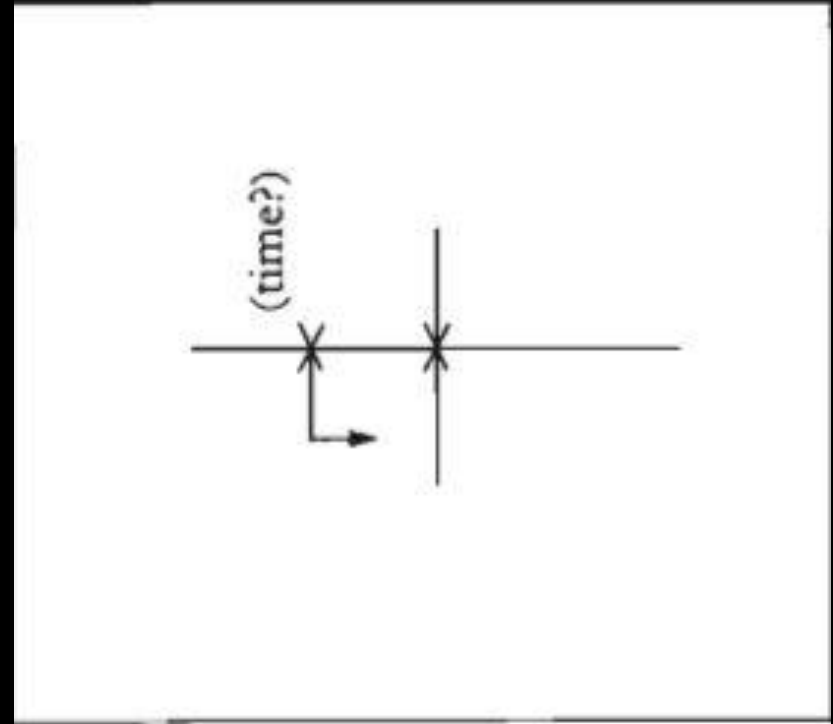


Perfect and Perfect Progressive Tenses



Present Perfect

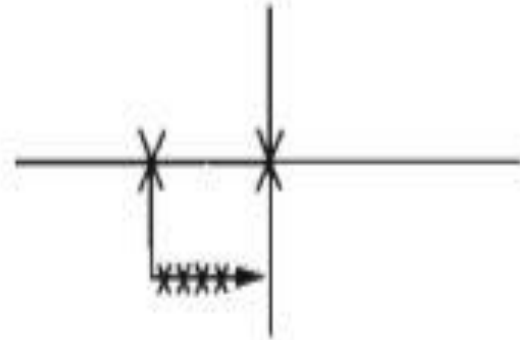
- They **have moved** into a new apartment.
- **Have** you ever **visited** Mexico?
- I **have never seen** snow.
- I **have already seen** that movie.
- Jack **hasn't seen** it yet.
- Ann started a letter to her parents last week, but she still **hasn't finished** it.
- Alex feels bad. He **has just heard** some bad news.



Notice the examples: the adverbs **ever, never, already, yet, still** and **just** are frequently used with the present perfect.

Present Perfect

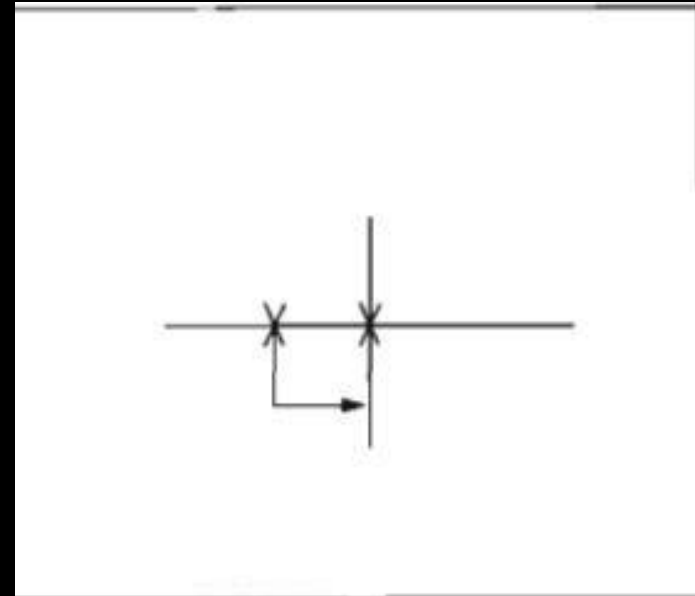
- We **have had** four tests *so far* this semester.
- I **have written** my wife a letter every other day *for* the last two weeks.
- I **have met** many people *since* I came here in June.
- I **have flown** on an airplane *many times*.



Notice **so far** is frequently used with the present perfect.

Present Perfect

- I **have been** here *since seven o'clock*.
- We **have been** here *for two weeks*.
- I **have had** this same pair of shoes *for three years*.
- I **have liked** cowboy movies *ever since I was child*.
- I **have known** him *for many years*.



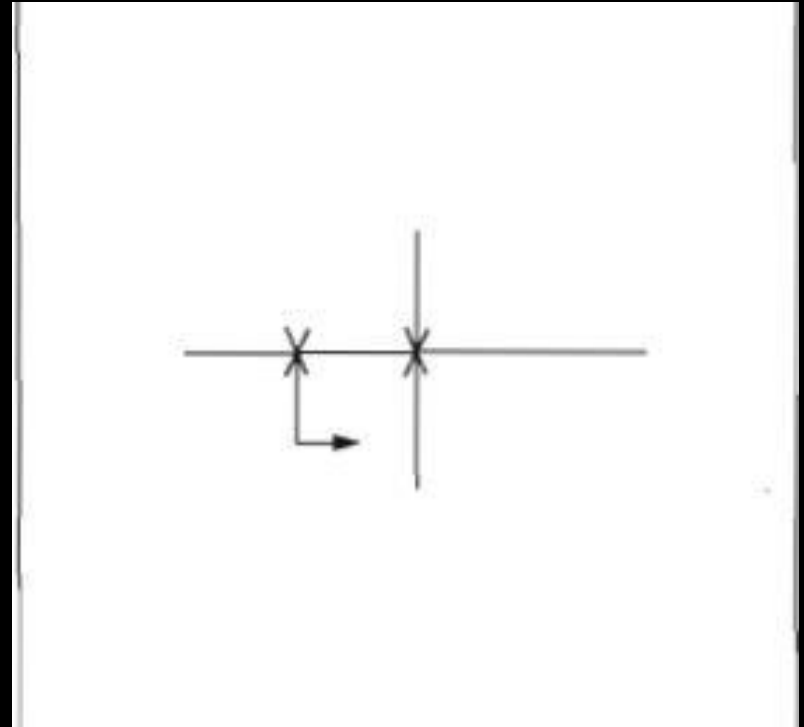
In the examples, notice the difference between ***since*** and ***for***:

Since + a particular time

For + a duration of time

Present Perfect Progressive

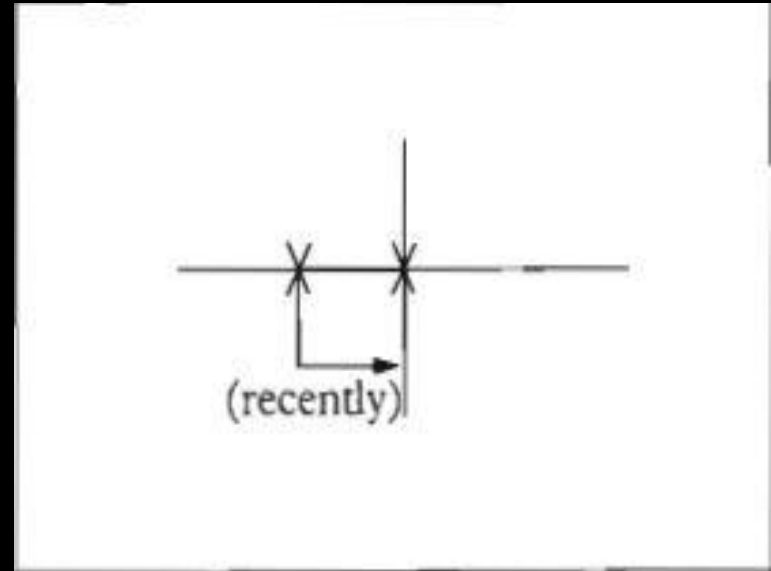
- I ***have been sitting*** here ***since*** 7 o'clock.
- I ***have been sitting*** here ***for*** two hours.
- You ***have been studying*** ***for*** five straight hours.
- It ***has been raining*** ***all day***.
- I **have known** Alex since he was a child.
- **INCORRECT:** I have been knowing Alex since he was a child.



Used with time words, such as:
for, since, all morning, all day, all week.

Present Perfect Progressive

- I **have been thinking** about changing my major.
- All of the students **have been studying** hard.
- My back hurts, so I **have been sleeping** on the floor lately.
- I **have lived here** since 1995.
- I **have been living** here since 1995.
- He **has worked** at the same store for ten years.
- He **has been working** at the same store for ten years.

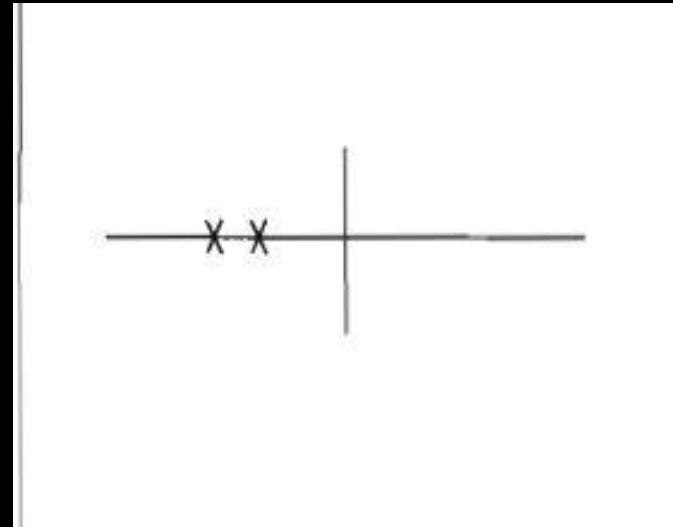


A general activity in progress recently, lately.

With certain verbs (most notably *live*, *work*, *teach*), there is little or no difference between the two tenses when **since** or **for** is used.

Past Perfect

- Sam **had** already **left** by the time Ann got there.
- Someone **had forgotten** to lock the door.
- ✓ Sam **had** already **left** when Ann got there.
- Sam **had left** before Ann got there.
- Sam **left before** Ann got there.
- **After** the guests **had left**, I went to bed.
- **After** the guests **left**, I went to bed.

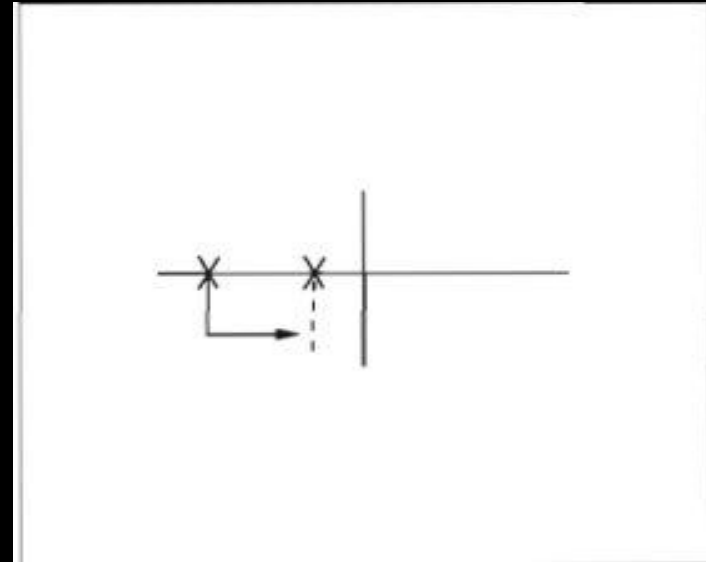


The past perfect expresses an activity that was *completed before another activity or time in the past*.

If either **before** or **after** is used in the sentence, the past perfect is often not necessary because the time relationship is already clear. The past simple may be used.

Past Perfect Progressive

- The police ***had been looking*** for the criminal *for* two years before they caught him.
- Erich finally came at 6 o'clock. I ***had been waiting*** for him *since* four-thirty.
- When Judy got home, her hair was still wet because she ***had been swimming***.
- I went to Jane's house after the funeral. Her eyes were red because she ***had been crying***.



The past perfect progressive emphasizes the *duration* of an activity that was *in progress* before another activity or time in the past.

This tense also may express an activity *in progress* close in time to another activity or time in the past.

Thank you for your attention!

