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Susan is on vacation in New York.
She is there now.

She arrived in New York on Monday.
Today is Thursday.

How long has she been in New York?

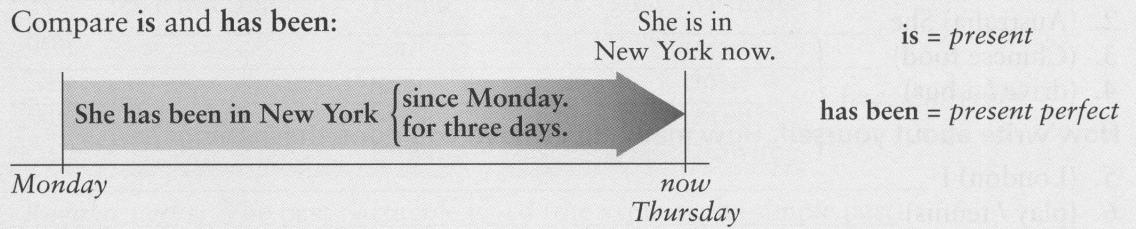
She has been in New York { since Monday.
for three days.

How long have you
been in New York?

Since Monday.



Compare is and has been:



B

Compare:

Simple present

- Dan and Kate are married.
- Are you married?
- Do you know Lynn?
- I know Lynn.
- Vera lives in Brasilia.
- I have a car.

Present perfect

- They **have been** married for five years.
(not They are married for five years.)
- **How long have you been** married?
(not How long are you married?)
- **How long have you known** her?
(not How long do you know her?)
- I've **known** her for a long time.
(not I know her for a long time.)
- **How long has she lived** in Brasilia?
She **has lived** there all her life.
- **How long have you had** your car?
I've **had** it since April.

Present continuous

- I'm **studying** German.
- Bruce **is watching** TV.
- It's **raining**.

Present perfect continuous

- **How long have you been studying** German?
(not How long are you studying German?)
I've **been studying** German for two years.
- **How long has he been watching** TV?
He's **been watching** TV since 5 o'clock.
(he's been = he has been)
- It's **been raining** all day. (it's been = it has been)