

Quiznet

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d) You can say 'How long have you been living...?' or 'How long have you been working...?' but some verbs cannot be in the continuous tense – these are called state verbs, verbs which feel more permanent e.g. 'I believe in God' or 'I have a sister'

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