# TIME EXPRESSION WITH HACER

 Describes an action that began in the past and has continued into the present time.







- Hace + time+ que+ present tense verb
  - I have been studying Spanish for 3 years.
- Hace tres años que estudio español.
  - They have been studying English for 5 years.
- Hace cinco años que ellos estudian inglés.

#### **Practice**

Use: Hace + time+ que+ present tense verb

1. Ellos correr 2 meses.

They have been running for 2 months.

2. Yo jugar al golf 7 días.

I have been playing golf for 7 days.

3. Tú cocinar 3 años.

You have been cooking for 3 years.



#### **Answers**

Use: Hace + time+ que+ present tense verb

1. Ellos correr 2 meses.

They have been running for 2 months.

Hace dos meses que ellos corren.

2. Yo jugar al golf 7 días.

I have been playing golf for 7 days.

Hace siete días que yo juego al golf.

3. Tú cocinar 3 años.

You have been cooking for 3 years.

Hace tres años que cocinas.



 To make it a negative expression, add no to the pattern in front of the conjugated verb.

Hace + time+ que+ NO present tense verb

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Yo no estudiar español un año I have not studied Spanish for a year.

Hace un año que no estudio español.



- How do you ask what length of time an action has been taking place?
- ¿Cuánto tiempo hace que present tense verb?
- ¿Cuánto may change if the vocabulary for time is masculine or feminine and singular and plural. (ejemplos: minutos/horas)



There is another way of telling how long something has been taking place using hace

This formula uses desde.

What does desde mean?

Desde translates to since.



The second formula is:

Present tense verb + desde hace + time

I have been studying Spanish for 3year.

Estudio español desde hace tres años.

They have been studying English for 5 years.

Ellos estudian inglés desde hace cinco años.

Practice using the formula:

Present tense verb + desde hace + time

1. Ellos correr 2 meses.

They have been running for 2 months.

2. Yo jugar al golf 7 días.

I have been playing golf for 7 days.

3. Tú cocinar 3 años.

You have been cooking for 3 years.







#### Answers

Use: Present tense verb + desde hace + time

1. Ellos correr 2 meses.

They have been running for 2 months.

Ellos corren desde hace dos meses.

2. Yo jugar al golf 3 días.

I have been playing golf for 7 days.

Yo juego al golf desde hace siete días.

3. Tú cocinar 3 años.

You have been cooking for 3 years.

Cocinas desde hace tres años.

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 To make this formula negative, put no in front of the conjugated verb.

NO Present tense verb + desde hace + time

Yo no estudiar español un año
I have not studied Spanish for a year.

No estudio español desde hace un año.

- How do you ask what length of time an action has been taking place?
- ¿Desde cuándo present tense verb?





#### **RECAP:**

There are 2 ways to indicate length of time an action has been taking place.

1. Hace + time+ que+ present tense verb

Or

2. Present tense verb + desde hace + time

Both can be made negative by adding "no" in front of the verb.