

Lesson 36: I've known him for ages

レッスン 36: 彼を長い間知っています

Target: Using the present perfect tense and stative verbs
 目的: 現在完了形と状態動詞を使ってみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• manufacturing	製造の	• solid	信頼できる
• extra	追加の	• rotor	回転翼
• consist of...	から成る	• reliable	信頼できる
• for the better part of...	~の大半は	• in the shop	修理に出している
• look (person) up	調べる	• break down	故障する
• set... up with an interview	とのインタビューを設定する	• on the phone	電話中で
• stoked	ワクワクした	• a mechanic	整備士
• outdated	時代遅れの	• religious	信心深い
• let... down	失望させる	• mass	〔教会の〕礼拝

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've been in Canada for 5 years and I've been a manager at a local manufacturing company for the last 3 years. I've been really busy at work recently because I have an important project that I need to finish by Friday. It's really hard because although the boss said he would give me some extra team members, he never did, and doing everything by myself is really hard.

I've belonged to the sales department since I started working at the company. The department is pretty small, we really need some more staff. The department has consisted of just James, Bob, Ken and myself for the better part of 2 years.

I've known my boss for about 10 years. We met when we were both in university. Of course, he wasn't my boss then. When I came to Canada, I looked him up on Facebook and he set me up with an interview the same week.

Next week, I need to go to China on business. I'm pretty stoked. I've wanted to go to China ever since I was a kid. I'm really looking forward to this trip.

Also, I'm really into cars. I've been into cars since high school when my parents bought me my first car. It was an RX-7 FC. At the time it was really cool. Now the FC is a little outdated. I've had my current car, an RX-7 FD for a good 10 or 12 years now and it has never let me down. It's a really solid car and I just love the sound of the engine. The "Rotor" really is the best motor.

I'm lucky my car has been so reliable. My brother Malcolm bought a new car last year, but the car has been in the shop for the last 3 weeks because it keeps breaking down. Last week, the car broke down while Malcolm was on his way to church and Malcolm wasn't very happy about that. Even at the moment, Malcolm is on the phone with the mechanic. He's been on the phone for the better part of an hour.

My family is very religious. I've believed in god since I was a kid. And I still attend mass every Sunday. Also, I've been involved in church groups and church activities for ages. I've also really liked cartoon since I was a kid. My favorite one is Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I've liked TMNT for over 20 years. My favorite turtle is definitely Donatello.

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Answer the questions below

- How long has he been in Canada?
- How long has he belonged to the sales department?
- Has he known his boss for more than 20 years?
- How long has he wanted to go to China?
- Why has his brother's car been in the shop for the last 3 weeks?
- How long has his brother been on the phone?
- What show has he liked for other 20 years?
- How many examples of present perfect (stative verbs) can you find?

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