

It Was / It's Been

- Use *it was* for situations in the past.
- Use *it's been* (or *it has been*) for situations that began in the past and continue into the present.



Examples:

We were in Hawaii for one week, from November 10 to November 17. It was a great vacation.



We arrived in Hawaii last week, and we'll go home tomorrow. It's been a great vacation.

A. Complete the sentences with *It was* or *It's been*. Write your answer on the line.

1. _____ a long trip. We left at 6 a.m., and we arrived at 9 p.m.
2. _____ a long trip. We left at 6 a.m. this morning, and we'll arrive at 9 p.m. tonight.
3. We can't go swimming. The water isn't clean, so the city closed the beach.
_____ closed since July.
4. Last summer we couldn't go swimming. The water wasn't clean, so the city closed the beach. _____ closed from July to September.
5. My parents took me to Mario's Restaurant for pizza when I was a kid, and now I take my kids there. _____ on the corner of 5th Avenue and Main Street since 1983.
6. Luigi's Restaurant closed last year. _____ on the corner of 4th Avenue and Water Street. There's a Chinese restaurant on that corner now.
7. _____ a long, cold winter. I'm glad it's the end of February, and spring will be here in just a few weeks.
8. _____ a long, cold winter. I'm glad it's April, and spring is finally here.

9. _____ a hard semester—I took chemistry, biology, and history. Fortunately, I got an A as my final grade in all three classes.
10. _____ a hard semester—I'm taking chemistry, biology, and history. I hope I get an A in all three classes.
11. I liked the summer weather when I lived in Oregon. It rained a lot in the winter and spring, but _____ warm and dry in the summer.
12. I like the summer weather here in Oregon. It rained a lot in the winter and spring, but since then _____ warm and dry.
13. _____ hard to find work. Today I'm going to fill out three more job applications.
14. _____ hard to find work. I filled out fifty applications before I finally got a job.

B. Complete the sentences with *It was* or *It's been*. Write your answer on the line. Then read the sentences aloud with a partner.

1. Person 1: You left at 6 a.m., and you arrived at 9 p.m.?
Person 2: Yes. _____ a long trip.
2. Person 1: Is the beach closed?
Person 2: Yes. _____ closed since July.
3. Person 1: Has Mario's Restaurant always been at the same location?
Person 2: Yes. _____ on the corner of 5th and Main since 1983.
4. Person 1: How was the weather in Oregon last summer?
Person 2: _____ warm and dry.
5. Person 1: How many applications did you fill out before you got a job?
Person 2: Fifty. _____ really hard to find work.

C. Tell the class about the weather in your native city. How was the weather last week? How has it been this week?