

# Step 3: Using Prepositions to Express Time

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**Various answers, for example:**

**I have known him for about three years.**

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Yes, because both mean that the presents can only be opened after people have arrived.