

for or since

for :

✚ is used for a duration of time : for a long time; for four hours; for ages.

since :

✚ is used for a point in time : since 6 o'clock; since she was a child; since last year.

Complete the sentences with for or since (be careful of the forms)

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13. Sue's lived in Italy _____ she was a child.
14. Ever _____ I was a child I've been interested in history.
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17. The euro has been in circulation in France _____ several years.
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How long...?: We use "how long...?" to ask the time in the Present Perfect tense.

Present Perfect tense
for 20 years

since 1995 ————— now 2015

How long has she been a teacher?

She has been a teacher FOR 20 years.

She has been a teacher SINCE 1995.

since We use "since" when we say a point of time.

for We use "for" when we say a period of time.

Been or Gone

been \longleftrightarrow

I've been to London. I've just come back.

gone \longrightarrow

He's gone to the pub. He'll come back soon.

Practice Choose *been* or *gone*.

Practice

Complete with *since* or *for*.

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| since | last winter. | <input type="text"/> | then. |
| for | over an hour. | <input type="text"/> | many years. |
| <input type="text"/> | a few days. | <input type="text"/> | spring. |
| <input type="text"/> | the 1950's. | <input type="text"/> | lunchtime. |
| <input type="text"/> | a long time. | <input type="text"/> | five minutes. |
| <input type="text"/> | I met Lucy. | <input type="text"/> | my childhood. |
| <input type="text"/> | ages. | <input type="text"/> | Christmas Day. |
| <input type="text"/> | Easter. | <input type="text"/> | a century. |
| <input type="text"/> | 1989. | <input type="text"/> | last Monday. |
| <input type="text"/> | five weeks. | <input type="text"/> | a few seconds. |
| <input type="text"/> | the interview. | <input type="text"/> | Friday. |
| <input type="text"/> | his wedding. | <input type="text"/> | Greco's times. |
| <input type="text"/> | Halloween. | <input type="text"/> | seven nights. |
| <input type="text"/> | some years. | <input type="text"/> | 2 nd January. |
| <input type="text"/> | a fortnight. | <input type="text"/> | the theft. |
| <input type="text"/> | thirty days. | <input type="text"/> | a couple of days. |
| <input type="text"/> | he was a boy. | <input type="text"/> | 17 th century. |
| <input type="text"/> | Middle Ages. | <input type="text"/> | ten o'clock. |
| <input type="text"/> | we left home. | <input type="text"/> | several months. |

Examples:

- I've never been / *gone* to Switzerland.
- What's it like?

JACK: Where's Tom?

KAY: He went out an hour ago.

JACK: Where's he *been* / gone?

- 1) How many times have you *been* / *gone* to Segovia?
- 2) Have you *been* / *gone* to the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao?
- 3) They're having a fantastic time in Australia. They've *been* / *gone* for six months.
- 4) Vicki isn't here. She's *been* / *gone* to the cinema with her friends.
- 5) I'm at home on my own. Everyone's *been* / *gone* for a walk by the river.
- 6) Bill has *been* / *gone* to Japan. He has just sent me a mail from there.
- 7) My mother has *been* / *gone* to the hairdresser's. She has just got home.
- 8) Tim has *been* / *gone* abroad. He has brought gifts for everyone.

FOR - SINCE

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE RIGHT FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS (PRESENT PERFECT - PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS) AND FOR AND SINCE

1-HE.....(NOT PLAY)
FOOTBALLA WEEK



9-THEY(NOT PLAY)
HOCKEYWINTER



2-HE.....(SIT) ON
THE TREETWO HOURS.



10-SHE(WORK)
IN THE SAME OFFICE
1998



3-IT(RAIN)
..... SUNDAY



11-SHE.....(WAIT) FOR
THE LETTER.....JULY



4-SHE(READ)
THIS MORNING



12-HE(WRITE)
THE COMPOSITION.....
AN HOUR



5-SHE
(NOT SEE) HER FRIENDS
..... HER BIRTHDAY



13-SHE.....(BE) ILL
..... WEDNESDAY



6-SHE(WAIT)
FOR THE BUS
8 O'CLOCK



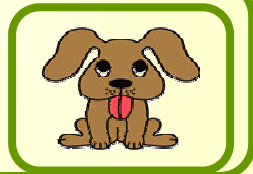
14-THEY(BE) FRIENDS
.....2002.



7-THEY.....(CAMP)
..... TWO WEEKS



15-THEY(HAVE)
THE DOG EASTER

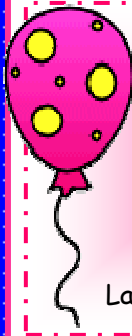


8-THE(PLAY)
BOARDGAMES
MIDDAY



16-HE(NOT
PHONE) ME
THREE MONTHS





SINCE...

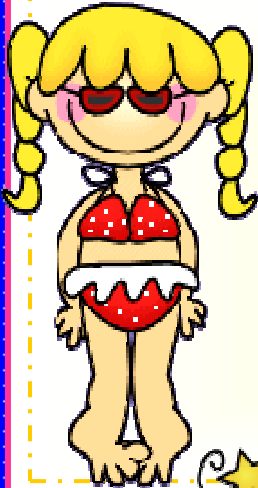
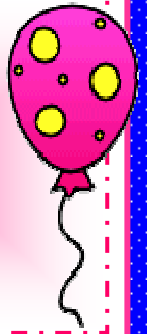
- Two o'clock
- 2005
- Last year
- Monday
- I was born
- Last September

PRESENT PERFECT TENSE SINCE-FOR

- ♥ We use **SINCE** to indicate the start of the period.
- ♥ I have worked here since 2001.
- ♥ We use **FOR** to indicate a period of time.
- ♥ I have waited for two hours.

FOR..

- Two hours
- A week
- Three days
- For ages
- Two years
- A few days



A) Fill in the blanks with "SINCE" or "FOR".

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| 1) <input type="text"/> | two o'clock | 8) <input type="text"/> | 1923 |
| 2) <input type="text"/> | two weeks | 9) <input type="text"/> | a week |
| 3) <input type="text"/> | a year | 10) <input type="text"/> | last year |
| 4) <input type="text"/> | last Friday | 11) <input type="text"/> | a long time |
| 5) <input type="text"/> | she was five | 12) <input type="text"/> | yesterday |
| 6) <input type="text"/> | three o'clock | 13) <input type="text"/> | February |
| 7) <input type="text"/> | a few weeks | 14) <input type="text"/> | two o'clock |



B) Choose the correct answer.

- I have worked in that company **since / for** last weekend.
- We have played tennis **since / for** three hours.
- Kerem has watched TV **since / for** the morning.
- Meltem and Asli have slept **since / for** last night.
- My mother has been in kitchen **since / for** three hours.
- They have studied for the exam **since / for** a week.
- Murat has been out **since / for** ten o'clock.



C) Make sentences by using SINCE and FOR.

- since / we / last year / play / football.

- a week / they / for / be / in Antalya.

- teach / she / English / 2009 / since.

- have / an exam / I / three hours / for.

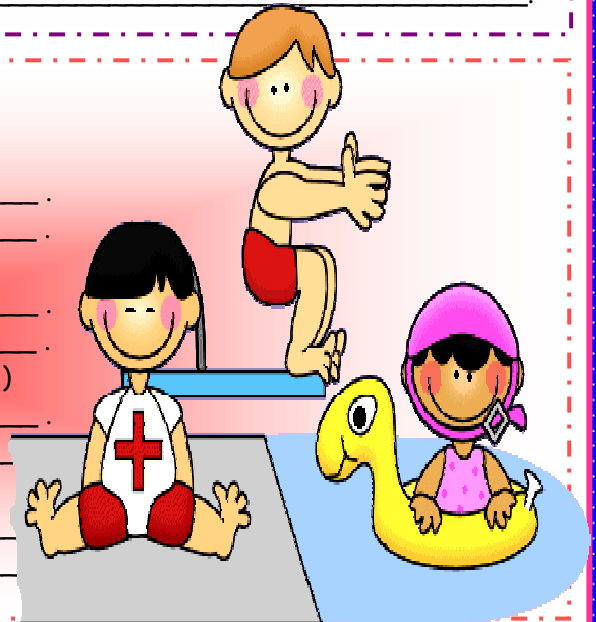
- read / since / book / they / two o'clock.

- for / clean / we / the house / three hours.

- be / she / a teacher / ten years / for.

D) Make sentences by using SINCE and FOR.

- I have waited for the bus (three hours - two o'clock)
(Since) _____
(For) _____
- My mother has cleaned the house. (two hours - the morning)
(Since) _____
(For) _____
- Sinem has swum in the swimming pool. (five hours - ten o'clock)
(Since) _____
(For) _____
- Mehmet and Suna have been in Spain. (two years - 2007)
(Since) _____
(For) _____



PRESENT PERFECT WITH SINCE AND FOR

since or for?

- _____ ten o'clock
- _____ Christmas
- _____ last summer
- _____ ten minutes
- _____ one month
- _____ my birthday
- _____ the last lesson
- _____ a long time
- _____ a week
- _____ the beginning of the term
- _____ ages
- _____ we met the last time

Fill in since or for.

- She has been in hospital _____ this morning.
- Joe has lived in London _____ five years.
- We have known each other _____ June 2010.
- How long have you been here? - I have been here _____ half an hour.
- I have had this teddy bear _____ I was a little child.
- Jason has made music _____ more than 25 years.
- My mother hasn't spoken to my sister _____ three days.
- I have learned these words _____ three hours.

Fill in since or for and the right form of the present perfect.

- Joe _____ (be) at this school _____ five years.
- Where's Alison? I _____ (not see) her _____ this morning.
- Mr Wayne _____ (know) his wife _____ they were both small children.
- Ben _____ (not see) his uncle _____ several years.
- I _____ (not be) very well _____ Monday.
- My brother _____ (have) his new mountain bike _____ two weeks.
- They _____ (live) here _____ they first came to Britain.
- The poor animal is very hungry. It _____ (not have) anything to eat _____ days.

Complete these sentences with since or for and the right form of the verb.

- Our family _____ (live) in the north of the USA _____ 1997.
- My father _____ (work) as an engineer _____ then.
- My parents _____ (divorce) _____ more than five years now.
- My sister _____ (know) her boyfriend _____ six years.
- I _____ (not see) my aunt _____ last summer.
- My friend Tommy lives in the south. I _____ (not talk) to him _____ a long time.
- My friend Margo _____ (write) me two letters _____ I met her at the summer camp.

FOR, SINCE, JUST, ALREADY, YET



One

Fill in with for, since, just, already, yet

- 1.- My son went to the supermarket but he hasn't come back
- 2.- Leonard has made his bed but he hasn't called his girlfriend
- 3.- Miriam has lived in Morocco she was ten years old.
- 4.- We have met the new teacher at the high school.
- 5.- The waiter has brought me some coffee and biscuits.
- 6.-Have they visited London? No, they haven't gone there.
- 7.-That man has come late again. His boss is very angry with him.
- 8.-Has the girl lived in France five years? Yes, she arrived five years ago.
- 9.-The plane has flown twelve hours.
- 10.-The businessman has worked in the same office he was twenty-five years old.
- 11.-There has been many accidents on this road last year.
- 12.-John has performed the same play a long time.
- 13.- The woman hasn't sold her car, but she wants to sell it.
- 14.- I have known my boyfriend we were at primary school.



two

WRITE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN PRESENT PERFECT USING THESE WORDS

- 1.- How long/you/be/ in Africa?
- 2.- I /be/ there/three years.
- 3.- How long/ he/ live/ in Berlin?
- 4.- He / live/there/ 2002
- 5.- How long /she/ wear/ that coat?
- 6.-She/ wear/it/ last winter.
- 7.-Where/ you/be/ today?
- 8.- I /be/ at the hospital
- 9.- How long/ the detective/ look/ for the man?
- 10.- He/ look/ for him two months.
- 11.-Why /she/take/my money?
- 12.- She / travel/ round the world /for four years
- 13.- Where /you/ put/ my keys?
- 14.- She /move/to a new house /in the country
- 15.- How long/your friend/study/ German?
- 16.- She/study/German /1999
- 17.- you/play/golf/ ever?
- 18.- The documentary /already/ finish
- 19.-My teacher/not/explain/ that lesson/yet
- 20.- Kevin /give/ his mother/ a nice present

