

Present Perfect and Past simple

How long? and for/since

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Frank _____ in a restaurant since he was 18 years old. (work)
- 2 I _____ sushi many times. (eat)
- 3 Mum _____ an amazing meal for my birthday tomorrow. (prepare)
- 4 Anja _____ me to her party night next week. (not invite)
- 5 My mum _____ Chinese food for the first time last week – it was delicious! (cook)
- 6 Perry and Max really _____ the food at Café Domu last night. They thought it was disgusting! (not like)
- 7 How long _____ Uncle Tim _____ in New York? (live)
- 8 I _____ spicy curry for about ten years. (love)
- 9 Mum and Dad _____ with Auntie Betty when they were in London last week. (stay)
- 10 _____ you _____ this new pasta meal? It's so tasty! (try)

3 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

A Bassington restaurant owner was surprised on Saturday when the famous chef Zaza Gabon ¹ _____ (walk) in for dinner. Bruno Aires, the owner, ² _____ (say), 'She ³ _____ (come) in at about 8 pm with another lady who I ⁴ _____ (see) around Bassington quite often. They ⁵ _____ (eat) fish and chips.' Zaza Gabon ⁶ _____ (write) many cook books and ⁷ _____ (appear) on TV shows. She ⁸ _____ (live) in South Africa for the first 20 years of her life until she ⁹ _____ (meet) the film star Josh Henderson. They ¹⁰ _____ (live) in the UK since 2012.

2 Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

- 1 The new chef has been there _____ about three months now.
- 2 Christine has cooked the family's Sunday lunch _____ she was 12 years old.
- 3 Pete has known his best friend, Joe, _____ he joined the club.
- 4 I've had this apple in my bag _____ ages. I need to eat it quick!
- 5 The boys have been waiting here _____ 20 minutes.
- 6 I haven't been to my favourite restaurant _____ my last birthday.
- 7 I've known my best friend _____ five years.
- 8 We haven't had pasta for dinner _____ last month.
- 9 My aunt has been in India _____ three months.
- 10 I haven't had a really tasty burger _____ the one I had in New Orleans last year.

4 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a Since I saw the film, I wanted it.
b Since I saw the film, I have wanted it.
- 2 a I've known him for two years.
b I've known him since two years.
- 3 a I received your letter yesterday.
b I've received your letter yesterday.
- 4 a I haven't talked to you since years!
b I haven't talked to you for years!
- 5 a How long have you know your friend?
b How long have you known your friend?