

IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I SAW USES OF PRESENT PERFECT

Read the following pairs of sentences and discuss the use of words in bold with your class.

- 1- He **started** learning Japanese two years **ago**.
2- He's **been** learning Japanese **for** two years.

- 1- He **moved** to London a year **ago**.
2- He's **been** living in London **for** one year.
since last year/a year ago.

- 1- We **joined** the club a week **ago**.
2- We **have been** members of the club **for** one week.

- 1- How long **is it / has it been** since he **started** learning Japanese?

- 2- When **did** he **start** learning Japanese?

- 1- They **still** haven't made up their mind to travel.
2- They haven't made up their mind where to travel **yet**.

- 1- I've never eaten Chinese food **before**.
2- This is the **first time** I've **(ever)** eaten Chinese food.

- 1- I've **never** seen such a beautiful girl.
2- She's **the most beautiful** girl I've **ever** seen.

- 1- We have not been to the cinema **for** ages.
2- **It's been** ages **since** we **went** to the cinema.
3- **It is** seven days **since** I last **smoked** a cigarette.
4- The **last time** I smoked a cigarette **was** 7 days **ago**.

Rewrite the following sentences using the word given. Write between 2 and 5 words.

- 1- I haven't spoken to her since she had her baby. Last
The her was before she had her baby.
- 2- I haven't eaten Greek food before. Time
This is the Greek food.
- 3- My nephew began to play tennis in 2010. Since
My nephew 2010.
- 4- He hasn't seen his sister for many years. Ages
It's his sister.
- 5- I've never seen such a big supermarket before. Ever
This is the seen.
- 6- The last time I went swimming was three months ago. For
I three months.
- 7- I've been correcting tests for three hours. Since
It's correcting tests.
- 8- How long ago did she move to Bs. As.? Moved
How long to Bs. As.?
- 9- They haven't finished eating yet. Still
They
- 10- I've never read such a long book before. Ever
It's the read.
- 11- We haven't travelled abroad for ages. Was
The last five years ago.
- 12- I haven't played tennis for five years. Since
It's tennis.
- 13- I've never met such a kind person before. Have
She's ever met.
- 14- He hasn't returned yet. Still
He
- 15- We have never eaten at this restaurant before. Time
This is the at this restaurant before.

IN OTHER WORDS – Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

A-

- 1- She 's never had such a good class. **BEST**
It's thehad.
- 2- It's a long time since he took a day off. **NOT**
Heoff for a long time.
- 3- They started rehearsing four months ago. **HAVE**
Theyfour months.
- 4- It is one of the most amusing books I've ever read. **SUCH**
Iamusing book.
- 5- How long ago did she go to live abroad? **IS**
How longto live abroad?
- 6- I haven't had a holiday for a long time. **SINCE**
It's a long timea holiday.
- 7- They haven't returned from school yet. **STILL**
Theyfrom school.
- 8- He's been studying for two hours. **STARTED**
Heago.
- 9- She has never gone skiing before. **EVER**
It's the first timeskiing.
- 10- He hasn't eaten anything since last night. **WAS**
The lastlast night.
- 11- She started university three years ago. **STUDYING**
Shethree years.
- 12- How long is it since you saw her last? **AGO**
How longher?

B-

- 1- The last time I ate Chinese food was two years ago. **NOT**
I havetwo years.
- 2- It's the first time I've ever tried Mexican food. **NEVER**
Ibefore.
- 3- She still hasn't got over it completely. **YET**
She has
- 4- She started taking ballet lessons ten years ago. **BEEN**
Shefor ten years.
- 5- I've never driven such a fast car! **EVER**
It's thedriven.
- 6- We haven't been abroad for two years. **TIME**
The lasttwo years ago.
- 7- She has never eaten lobster before. **TIME**
It's the firstlobster.
- 8- He hasn't turned up yet. **STILL**
Heup.
- 9- The last time I saw Emily was six months ago. **FOR**
Isix months.
- 10- I haven't smoked a cigarette for two years. **SINCE**
It'sa cigarette.
- 11- I've never seen such a pretty girl. **EVER**
She is theseen.
- 12- They have never been outside Britain before. **FIRST**
It's thebeen outside Britain.