

Sentence Builder *for/since*

3 * Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I've had the same mobile phone *since/for* about a year.
- My family has lived in this house *since/for* it was built.
- I haven't seen my grandparents *since/for* ages.
- My parents have been married *since/for* 1996.
- I haven't argued with my mother *since/for* weeks.
- My best friend has known me *since/for* I started school.

4 ** Complete the sentences so that they have the same meaning as the one above. Use the verb in brackets.

- I bought a laptop last year.
I 've had a laptop since last year. (have)
- I met my English teacher two years ago.
I _____ two years. (know)
- I started at this school in 2012.
I _____ 2012 (be)
- My father was born in this city.
My father _____ he was born. (live)
- I didn't like rap music when it began. I don't like it now.
I _____ it began. (like)
- My mother became interested in French films at university.
My mother _____ she was at university. (be)

5 *** Write questions with *How long ...* and complete the answers.

- you / know / your neighbours?
I / know them / three years
Q: How long have you known your neighbours?
A: I have known them for three years.
- your grandparents / live / at the same address?
They / live / there / they were married
Q: _____
A: _____
- you / have / your mobile phone?
I / only have / it / two days
Q: _____
A: _____
- your mother / work / in the same job?
She / work / in the same job / she / leave school
Q: _____
A: _____

6 *** Complete the dialogue with the correct words.



- Jane: Granny, how long ¹ have you lived in this house?
- Granny: I ² _____ lived here my whole life.
- Jane: Wow! What about grandfather?
- Granny: He ³ _____ lived here for thirty-five years. I met him at university, so I have known him ⁴ _____ forty years. We got married thirty-five years ago.
- Jane: Do you like living in the country?
- Granny: Yes, I've ⁵ _____ loved the country. I've ⁶ _____ liked big cities. They're too noisy.
- Jane: But when you were young, did you go out much?
- Granny: Oh yes, of course. I have always ⁷ _____ interested in music and films. I still love dancing, but I haven't been to a disco ⁸ _____ your mother was born. I haven't had the time or energy!

Grammar Alive Looking back

7 *** Make true sentences for you using the Present Perfect and *always, never, for or since*.

1 like school

I've always liked school.

I've never liked school.

2 be interested in politics

3 want to visit Australia

4 wear second-hand clothes

5 be good at football

6 have a boy/girl friend