

Read the rules

Past Simple

- yesterday
- last week/month/year/Monday etc.,
- ago (month ago, year ago etc.)
- long ago/long time ago
- just now
- then
- when
- in 1980 etc.

Present Perfect

- just
- ever
- never
- always
- already
- yet
- for (for ages, for months etc.)
- since
- so far
- long=for a long time
- recently
- today
- this week/this month/this year etc.
- once
- several times

Special points

- **Since** is used to express a starting point.
- **For** is used to express a period of time.
- **Yet** is used in questions and negations.
- **Already** is used in statements and questions.
- **Just + Present Perfect**
- **Just now + Past Simple**

I've known Ann **since** October.
 I've known Ann **for** two months.
 Have you met him **yet**? I haven't met him **yet**.
 I've **already** posted the letters.
 I've **just** called the doctor.
 He left **just now**.

Since

Specific point in time.

9:00 10:00 11:00

For example:

- I have been studying **since** 9am.
- She has been a teacher **since** 2015.
- Ali has lived in London **since** April.

For

Duration of time.

9:00 10:00 11:00

For example:

- I have been studying **for** 3 hours.
- She will be in the office **for** 2 hours.
- He has lived in London **for** 3 months.

Present Perfect. Fill in: since or for.

_____ 2021 _____ yesterday _____ June _____ three weeks _____ a month

_____ last year _____ two weeks _____ 5 am _____ April _____ several times

_____ Christmas _____ the party _____ my birthday _____ the beginning

_____ the beginning of May _____ two weeks _____ 10 days _____ April

_____ 19:45 _____ 1993 _____ 4 hours _____ 2 o'clock _____ ten years

_____ a few hours _____ I was a child _____ 20th century _____ the ceremony

_____ 9 May 1998 _____ you were young _____ October _____ a few days

_____ 5 days _____ Halloween _____ 30 minutes _____ 1 hour _____ last Sunday

Fill in the gaps. Use the Present perfect or Past Simple

My best friend is called Alison. We 1) ... *have known* ... (know) each other since we 2)
(be) five years old. We 3) (always / share) our problems and our troubles, but we 4)
..... (also / enjoy) good times together and 5) (spend) many
hours laughing together. We 6) (live) next door to each other before Alison 7)
..... (move) to London. I 8) (visit) her many times since then.
She 9) (just / buy) a new house but I 10) (not / see) it yet.

Complete B's sentences. Use just/already/yet

1 Would you like something to eat?

No, thanks. *I've just had lunch.*

(I / have / lunch)

2 Do you know where Julia is?

Yes,

(I / see / her)

3 What time is David leaving?

.....

(he / leave)

4 What's in the newspaper today?

I don't know.

(I / not / read / it)

5 Is Sue coming to the cinema with us?

No,

(she / see / the film)

6 Are your friends here yet?

Yes,

(they / arrive)

7 What does Tim think about your plan?

.....

(we / not / tell / him)

has/have been in/to, have/has gone to

Editor : Where's Stevens? I haven't seen him for days.

Secretary : He 1) ... *has gone to* ... Washington to interview Kim Basinger.

Editor : How long 2) he Washington?

Secretary : Three days.

Editor : What about Milton and Knowles?

Secretary : They 3) London. They're going to interview the Royal Family.

Editor : 4) anyone Paris to talk to Alain Delon?

Secretary : Smith 5) his country house. He interviewed him there yesterday actually. He's coming back today.