

# GRAMMAR

## 4.2

Present Perfect with  
for and since

### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Decide if the underlined part of each sentence describes a point in time or period of time.

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| I was born in <u>1997</u> .  | point / period |
| The film was <u>two hours</u> long.  | point / period |
| 1 I like living in the city, so <u>a week</u> in the country is long enough. | point / period |
| 2 Sasha moved into her flat in <u>2017</u> .                                 | point / period |
| 3 It took us <u>3 days</u> to paint the walls in my bedroom.                 | point / period |
| 4 Zara finished her homework at <u>6:00 p.m.</u>                             | point / period |
| 5 The village is <u>375 years</u> old.                                       | point / period |
| 6 My parents bought the house <u>when they got married</u> .                 | point / period |

2 ★ Choose the correct words.

- Luke has lived in this cottage *for / since* he was three years old.
- I haven't done the washing *for / since* two weeks. I have no clean clothes.
- We have wanted to live in a village near the sea *for / since* so many years!
- Annie has been in bed *for / since* yesterday morning. She's really sick.
- People have built houses in this area *for / since* thousands of years.
- My brother hasn't had a bath *for / since* at least six months. He prefers the shower.
- They've had a wood-burner *for / since* about three years but now they want to change it because it's not good for their health.
- The pasta has been in the cupboard *for / since* we moved into this flat four years ago.
- Dad hasn't cut the grass *for / since* he lost the key to the shed.



3 ★ ★ Complete the sentences with the Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets and *for* or *since*.

Kevin's in his room, but he *hasn't made* (not/make) a noise *since* one o'clock. Do you think he's OK?

- We <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) this pizza in our fridge <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ two weeks.
- Harry <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (write) lots of miserable poems <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ he stopped seeing Ellen.
- Chloe <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not/make) her bed <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ three days.
- Lewis and Oliver <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) for the school football team <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ two years.
- <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ last month, there <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a market in the city centre.

4 ★ ★ ★ Use the words in brackets to complete the questions and answers in the Present Perfect. Add *for* or *since*.

Q: How long *have you lived* (you/live) in London?

A: We *'ve lived in London for* 5 years.

- Q: How long <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Olivia/want) to be an architect?  
A: Oh, Olivia <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she visited Barcelona.
- Q: How long <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (your parents/be) married?  
A: I don't really know, but they <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.
- Q: How long <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (Alice/know) Samuel?  
A: She <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they started school together.
- Q: How long <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (your sister/have) long hair?  
A: She <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at least six months.

### SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Use the information in brackets to write Present Perfect sentences. Use *for* or *since* if necessary.

*I've been passionate about poetry for* (be/passionate about poetry) three years.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be/ to school) two weeks.
- Molly \_\_\_\_\_ (not/read/a good book) last year.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ (Polly/be busy) in the kitchen?
- The World Wide Web \_\_\_\_\_ (exist) 1989.
- Lauren \_\_\_\_\_ (not/see/Oliver) four days.
- How long \_\_\_\_\_ (your grandparents/live) in a bungalow?

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