

Present perfect with *for* and *since*

1 Write sentences in the present perfect with the words in parentheses.

Tyler started at this school **in** September. It's now February.

(be / for)

Tyler has been at this school for five months.

1 My dad **met** my mom **in** 1999.

(know / since)

2 You **moved** to this city **six** years ago.

(live / for)

3 Manos **bought** his new guitar **two** months ago. It's now August.

(have / since)

4 I **left** the library **ten** minutes ago. I'm back at home now.

(not be / for)

5 The girls **went** to university to study Science **three** months ago.

(study / for)

6 We **arrived** at the restaurant at 8 p.m.

(be / since)

7 He **lived** in China, but he **moved** to Canada **two** years ago.

(not live / for)

2 Write questions for your answers in exercise 2. Use *How long*.

How long has Tyler been at this school?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

3 Complete the dialogue. Use one word in each space. Contractions count as one word.

Ginny Brittany! Help! I **1** **ve** had an argument with Jack. We haven't talked **2** **two** days. I think he **3** **met** a new girl!

Brittany What new girl, Ginny?

Ginny The new girl that started at our school. You know!—Her name is Penny.

Brittany Penny? How **4** **has** she been at our school?

Ginny She's been at our school **5** **October!**

Brittany Hmm, I don't think I know her. Stop worrying! You've been with Jack **6** **three** months now. He enjoys your company and you're interested in the same things.

Ginny I know, but ...

Brittany **7** **long** has he been angry with you?

Ginny Two days! He's been angry **8** **Friday.**

Brittany Maybe he's simply been away **9** **a few** days.

Ginny I don't think so! I'm going to text him.

Brittany OK. Call me and tell me what he says!

4 Answer the questions so they are true for you. Use full sentences.

1 How long have you been friends with your best friend?

2 How long have you been at the school you're at now?

3 How long has your family lived in the house you live in now?

4 How long have you studied English?