

## 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 <sup>1</sup> 've had an argument with Jack. We haven't talked <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ two days. I think he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ has she been at our school?

**Ginny** She's been at our school <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ October!

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

**Ginny** I know, but ...

**Brittany** <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ long has he been angry with you?

**Ginny** Two days! He's been angry <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.

**Brittany** Maybe he's simply been away <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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?