

# LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Present perfect with *for/since* and *How long ... ?*

## 1 ★ Circle the best ending for each sentence.

- 1 I've lived here for ...  
 (a) two years.                      b I was 14 years old.
- 2 I've had this phone for ...  
 a a long time.                      b 2015.
- 3 I haven't eaten anything since ...  
 a about three hours.              b this morning.
- 4 I've been able to speak French since ...  
 a 10 years ago.                      b I was a child.
- 5 My best friend and I have known each other for ...  
 a six years.                              b we started school together.
- 6 Max has been on the computer since ...  
 a all day.                                b he woke up.

## 2 ★★ Complete the questions with *How long* and the present perfect form of the verbs in the box.

be   have   know   like   live

- A <sup>1</sup> *How long have you lived* here?  
 B For about six months. I really like it here. It's a nice city.
- A So Emma and Kirsty are friends? <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ each other?  
 B Since they were about three years old. They've been best friends for ages!
- A I didn't know Olivia liked watching tennis.  
<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
 B For a long time. She's played in the school team since she was really young.
- A I see that Will's got a new bike. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it?  
 B For ages. He needed a new one. The old one was too small for him.
- A I'm sorry I'm late, everyone. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ here?  
 B Not long. Don't worry. We only got here ten minutes ago.

## Present perfect and past simple

## 3 ★★ Complete the joke with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

My friend <sup>1</sup> *told* (tell) me a funny joke this morning. I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a lot of jokes in my life, but this one <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (make) me laugh when I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) it.



A girl and her father <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at the dinner table, having some soup. The girl <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her dad, 'Dad, are spiders nice to eat?' 'What a horrible question,' <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (say) the father. 'Can't you think of anything nice to say at dinner time? Please let me eat. I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (eat not) anything since this morning!' The girl <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to be quiet. They both <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) their dinner in silence. Later, the girl's father <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (ask), 'Why did you want to know about spiders earlier?' She replied, 'Oh, there was a spider in your soup. But it <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) now.'

## 4 ★★ Write questions with the present perfect or the past simple.

- 1 a you / ever / tell / a lie? *Have you ever told a lie?*  
 b Who / you / tell / the lie to?  
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 c Why / you / tell / it?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 a anyone / ever / tell / you a secret?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 b it / a very big secret?  
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 c you / ever / tell / another person the secret?  
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## 5 ★★★ Choose question 1 or 2 from Exercise 4. Write your answers.

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