

LEARN THIS!

We use the past simple for actions that are finished.

He **lived** in Athens for ten years.

(He doesn't live there any more.)

We use the present perfect with *for* and *since* for actions that started in the past and that are still happening now.

I've **studied** English for three years.

(I'm still studying it.)

We've **lived** in Oxford since 1999.

(We still live there.)

2 Choose the correct form of the verbs.

Julie has been / was ill since Tuesday.

- 1 I *didn't see* / *haven't seen* Josh since 1998.
- 2 We *'ve stayed* / *stayed* at our grandparents' house for three days. We arrived home yesterday.
- 3 I *haven't eaten* / *didn't eat* anything since breakfast.
- 4 The dog *went* / *has gone* to sleep an hour ago.
- 5 I *had* / *'ve had* a cat for two years. Its name is Willis.
- 6 I *'ve waited* / *waited* for a bus for twenty minutes. Then I decided to walk.
- 7 Kevin *hasn't been* / *wasn't* swimming since last summer.