

Exercises

19.1 Write **for** or **since**.

- Helen has been in Ireland since Monday.
- Helen has been in Ireland for three days.
- My aunt has lived in Australia 15 years.
- Tina is in her office. She has been there 7 o'clock.
- India has been an independent country 1947.
- The bus is late. We've been waiting 20 minutes.
- Nobody lives in those houses. They have been empty many years.
- Michael has been ill a long time. He has been in hospital October.

19.2 Answer these questions. Use **ago**.

- When was your last meal? Three hours ago.
- When was the last time you were ill?
- When did you last go to the cinema?
- When was the last time you were in a car?
- When was the last time you went on holiday?

19.3 Complete the sentences. Use **for** or **ago** with these words.

- Helen arrived in Ireland three days ago. (three days)
- Helen has been in Ireland for three days. (three days)
- Lynn and Mark have been married (20 years)
- Lynn and Mark got married (20 years)
- Dan arrived (an hour)
- I bought these shoes (a few days)
- Silvia has been learning English (six months)
- Have you known Lisa ? (a long time)

19.4 Complete the sentences with **for** or **since**.

- (Helen is in Ireland – she arrived there three days ago)
Helen has been in Ireland for three days.
- (Jack is here – he arrived on Tuesday)
Jack has
- (It's raining – it started an hour ago)
It's been
- (I know Sue – I first met her in 2008)
I've
- (Claire and Matt are married – they got married six months ago)
Claire and Matt have
- (Laura is studying medicine at university – she started three years ago)
Laura has
- (David plays the piano – he started when he was seven years old)
David has

19.5 Write sentences about yourself. Begin your sentences with:

I've lived ... I've been ... I've been learning ... I've known ... I've had ...

- I've lived in this town for three years.
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