

Theme	: People and Culture
Unit 8	: Good Luck, Bad Luck

Language/ Grammar Focus : Learn and review Present Perfect and the use of *for* and *since*.  
Make questions using *How long?*

<b>since</b>	We use <b>since</b> with the present perfect or the past perfect to say <b>when something started</b> : if the starting point is given (two o'clock, last Friday, 1998)  <i>I have worked here since December.</i> <i>They had been watching since seven o'clock in the morning.</i>
<b>for</b>	We use <b>for</b> to say <b>how long</b> : if the period of time is given (twenty minutes, two days, one year)  <i>We have been waiting for twenty minutes.</i> <i>They lived in Manchester for fifteen years.</i>  We can also use a <b>noun phrase</b> without <b>for</b> :  <i>Let's go. We've been waiting nearly an hour.</i> <i>I've worked here twenty years.</i>

### Exercise 1

Choose the correct answer: **since** or **for**?

1. I have lived in Penang    three years.
2. Dido has been a nurse    2000.
3. We haven't met    our last year at secondary school.
4. I have been working    a long time.
5. My neighbours have been on vacation    two weeks.
6. What have you been doing    you left your last job?
7. He has had his new smartphone    a month.
8. Where have you been working    you had your bachelor's degree?
9. The Post Office has been closed    Monday.
10. He has known her    they were twelve years old.
11. I have been waiting    2 o'clock.
12. Sussana has only been waiting    20 minutes.
13. Doreen and Norme have been learning English    five years.
14. Sharmilah and Saryati have been learning French    2010.
15. Yvonne and Joseph have been going out together    Valentine's Day.
16. I haven't been on holiday    last August.
17. Jai has been saving his money    many at least 5 years.
18. I haven't eaten anything    yesterday.
19. You have been watching drama    hours.
20. We have been living here for    10 months.

We use **how long** to talk about the amount of time something takes. *How long is the movie? It's 2 hours.*

**How long?** is used to ask questions about amounts or periods of time. Take a look at the following:

- 'How long have you been waiting?' 'Only for a minute or two.'
- 'How long have they been married?' 'Oh, for a very long time. More than 25 years.'
- 'How long will the concert last?' 'It should be over by ten o' clock, I think.'
- 'How long was your stay in Malaysia?' 'The project lasted for two years, but I was there for two and a half years.'
- 'How long have you been living in this house?' 'For 12 years now, ever since my mother died.'
- 'How much longer can you stay?' 'Not much longer. For another ten minutes perhaps. I have to be home before midnight.'

### Exercise 2.

By using '**How Long**', create questions according to the answers below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_?

She will stay here for two weeks.

2. \_\_\_\_\_?

He will be waiting for 30 more minutes.

3. \_\_\_\_\_?

I will write about 100 words.

4. \_\_\_\_\_?

She will play violin for 1 hour.

5. \_\_\_\_\_?

It will take 2 hours and 15 minutes.

6. \_\_\_\_\_?

It will type approximately 3 hours.

7. \_\_\_\_\_?

They will read for 40 minutes.

8. \_\_\_\_\_?

They will write for at least 20 minutes.

### Exercise 3.

Fill in the blanks using Present Perfect Tense and make questions using *How long*?

#### Dialogue 1 – At dinner

Rachel: I heard Kate plans to quit her job next month.

Ian: Really? \_\_\_\_\_?

Rachel: \_\_\_\_\_.

Ian: That's a very long time! Why does she want to quit?

Rachel: She can't stand her new manager.

#### Dialogue 3 - At a Class Reunion

Deena: Taylor! Is that you? \_\_\_\_\_!

Taylor: Hello Deena! What a small world!

Deena: I know! \_\_\_\_\_?

Taylor: We graduated high school in 2006. So \_\_\_\_\_!

Deena: Now I feel super old. But it's good to see you! We should catch up!

#### Dialogue 4 – In the Mountains

Paul: It feels so good to go hiking in the morning! \_\_\_\_\_.

Tara: I agree. The air is so fresh!

Paul: I'm getting hungry. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Tara: Me, too. \_\_\_\_\_. My stomach is grumbling.

Paul: What? \_\_\_\_\_ ! Let's go grab a bite!