

**ELF2: Lesson 68 (LANGUAGE AWARENESS)****(TB) THEME:** People and Culture

(Pulse 2 Unit 8: Good Luck, Bad Luck ; p. 86)

**TOPIC:** Grammar – Present Perfect + for and since

**1** Study the table. Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*. Look at the article on page 85 (Pulse 2 Student's Book) to check your answers.

1. Superstitions have been part of sport \_\_\_\_\_ it began.
2. Some footballers have worn the same pair of socks \_\_\_\_\_ many weeks.

**Present perfect + for and since**

- We use *for* and *since* with the present perfect to talk about *a period of time up to the present*.
- We use *for* when we are talking about the *length of time* up to the present.  
*I've been in the team for three years.*
- We use *since* when we state the *starting point* of the period of time up to the present.  
*I've been in the team since 2012.*  
*I've been in the team since I was 13.*

**2** Complete the table below with the time expressions in the box.

|             |                       |              |             |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| two hours   | yesterday             | five minutes | last week   |
| a few days  | 10 <sup>th</sup> june | many years   | 1995        |
| my birthday | she was a student     |              | a long time |

| Time expression with since | Time expressions with for |
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**Look at the sentence and answer the questions**

Anna and Jack have been friends since they were four.

**Q:** When did Anna and Jack first become friends?**A:** \_\_\_\_\_**Q:** Are they still friends now?**A:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1 The modern Olympic Games have existed \_\_\_\_\_ 1896
- 2 England hasn't won the World Cup \_\_\_\_\_ a long time.
- 3 Table tennis has been an Olympic sport \_\_\_\_\_ 1988.
- 4 Our town has had a sports stadium \_\_\_\_\_ last year.
- 5 Juan has been a Málaga supporter \_\_\_\_\_ seven year.

**LOOK!****4 Write questions using *How long* ...? and the present perfect.*****How long* ...? with the present perfect**

How long has Jo been a swimming teacher?  
She's been a swimming teacher for ten years.  
She's been a swimming teacher since she was 18.

Example. you / be at this school?

How long have you been at this school?

1. you / have a mobile phone?

2. you / live in your town?

3. your parents / know each other?

4. computers / exist?

**5 Complete the answers to the questions in exercise 4. (Give your own answers.)**

1. I've been at this school since \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I've had a mobile phone for \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I've lived in this town for \_\_\_\_\_.

4. My parents have known each other for \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Computers have existed since \_\_\_\_\_.

**6 Choose the correct answers.**

Lucy: You look happy. What (1) 's / 've happened?

Nina: I've (2) won / win a game of chess against Adam Green!

Lucy: Who's Adam Green?

Nina: He's (3) been / was the school champion (4) since / for two years.

Lucy: How long (5) you've / have you been in the chess team?

Nina: Only (6) for / since January.

Lucy: Well done!

Nina: Oh look ... he's (7) send / sent me a message.

Lucy: What does it say?

Nina: Congratulations! You (8) got / 've got better since we last (9) have played / played !

