IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I SAW ..... USES OF PRESENT PERFECT

Read the following pairs of sentences and discuss the use of words in bold with your class.

1- He **started** learning Japanese two years **ago.**
2-**He's been** learning Japanese **for** two years.

1- He **moved** to London a year ago.
2-**He's been living** in London **for** one year.
since last year/a year ago.

1-We **joined** the club a week ago.
2- We **have been** members of the club for one week.

1-How long **is it / has it been since** he **started** learning Japanese?

2-When **did** he **start** learning Japanese?

1- They **still** haven't made up their mind t to travel.
2- They haven't made up their mind where to travel **yet.**

1- **I've** never eaten Chinese food **before.**
2- This is the **first time I've (ever) eaten** Chinese food.

1- I've **never** seen such a beautiful girl.
2- She's **the most beautiful** girl I **'ve ever seen.**

1- We have not been to the cinema **for** ages.
2- **It's been** ages **since** we **went** to the cinema.
3- **It is** seven days **since** I last **smoked** a cigarette.
4- The **last time** I smoked a cigarette **was** 7 days **ago.**

Rewrite the following sentences using the word given. Write between 2 and 5 words.

1- I haven't spoken to her since she had her baby. **Last**
The ..... her was before she had her baby.

2- I haven't eaten Greek food before. **Time**
This is the ..... Greek food.

3- My nephew began to play tennis in 2010. **Since**
My nephew ..... 2010.

4- He hasn't seen his sister for many years. **Ages**
It's ..... his sister.

5- I've never seen **such a big supermarket** before. **Ever**
This is the ..... seen.

6- The last time I went swimming was three months ago. **For**
I ..... three months.

7- I've been correcting tests for three hours. **Since**
It's ..... correcting tests.

8- How long ago did she move to Bs. As.? **Moved**
How long ..... to Bs. As.?

9- They haven't finished eating yet. **Still**
They .....

10- I've never read **such a long book** before. **Ever**
It's the ..... read.

11- We haven't travelled abroad for ages. **Was**
The last ..... five years ago.

12- I haven't played tennis for five years. **Since**
It's ..... tennis.

13- I've never met such a kind person before. **Have**
She's ..... ever met.

14- He hasn't returned **yet.** **Still**
He .....

15- We have never eaten at this restaurant before. **Time**
This is the ..... at this restaurant before.

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IN OTHER WORDS – Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

A-

1- She 's never had such a good class. BEST
It's the .....had.

2- It's a long time since he took a day off. NOT
He .....off for a long time.

3- They started rehearsing four months ago. HAVE
They .....four months.

4- It is one of the most amusing books I've ever read. SUCH
I .....amusing book.

5- How long ago did she go to live abroad? IS
How long .....to live abroad?

6- I haven't had a holiday for a long time. SINCE
It's a long time .....a holiday.

7- They haven't returned from school yet. STILL
They .....from school.

8- He's been studying for two hours. STARTED
He .....ago.

9- She has never gone skiing before. EVER
It's the first time .....skiing.

10- He hasn't eaten anything since last night. WAS
The last .....last night.

11- She started university three years ago. STUDYING
She .....three years

12- How long is it since you saw her last? AGO
How long .....her?

B-

1- The last time I ate Chinese food was two years ago. NOT
I have .....two years.

2- It's the first time I've ever tried Mexican food. NEVER
I .....before

3- She still hasn't got over it completely. YET
She has .....

4- She started taking ballet lessons ten years ago. BEEN
She .....for ten years.

5- I've never driven such a fast car! EVER
It's the .....driven.

6- We haven't been abroad for two years. TIME
The last .....two years ago.

7- She has never eaten lobster before. TIME
It's the first .....lobster.

8- He hasn't turned up yet. STILL
He .....up.

9- The last time I saw Emily was six months ago. FOR
I .....six months.

10- I haven't smoked a cigarette for two years. SINCE
It's .....a cigarette.

11- I've never seen such a pretty girl. EVER
She is the .....seen.

12- They have never been outside Britain before. FIRST
It's the .....been outside Britain.

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