



UNIT 5 – GRAMMAR #1

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Present perfect with *for* and *since*

I've	studied	here	for	six years.	<i>haven't = have not</i> <i>hasn't = has not</i>
They haven't	taken	a math test	<i>since</i>	last year.	
The sports store has	been	open	<i>since</i>	2014.	
Kitesurfing hasn't	been	popular	<i>for</i>	many years.	

for + a period of time

since + a point in time

Use the present perfect for a past action that continues up to now.

1 Read. Write *for* or *since*.

- Skiing equipment has been on sale _____ last summer.
- They have played soccer _____ five years.
- Has he done kitesurfing _____ more than a year?
- Hang-gliding has interested me _____. I was ten.
- She has had few injuries _____ she started skiing.
- Have you done extreme sports _____ you were a kid?

2 Read and write. Complete the sentences. Use a phrase from the box and *for* or *since*.

has not gone has studied ~~have been~~ have known have not been

- They are still skateboarding now. They _____ skateboarding _____ three o'clock.
- He _____ English _____ two years.
- I _____ how to ride a bike _____ I was three.
- They stopped doing extreme sports. They _____ kitesurfing _____ last July.
- He _____ skiing _____ several winters.



3 Look and write.

1.  He has been doing moto-
cross since last August. 
2.  three years
3.  four years old
4.  three hours

4 Read and write. Use *for* or *since*. Sample answers:

1. How long have you lived in your house?
2. How long have you known your teacher?
3. What sport do you do? How long have you done it?

5 Write. Ask and answer questions. Use *for* or *since*. Sample answers:

1. know / best friend
How long have you known your best friend?
I have known him since first grade.
2. go / this school
3. study / English