Sentence Builder *for/since*

5 *** Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1 I've had the same mobile phone *since/for* about a year.
2 My family has lived in this house *since/for* it was built.
3 I haven't seen my grandparents *since/for* ages.
4 My parents have been married *since/for* 1996.
5 I haven't argued with my mother *since/for* weeks.
6 My best friend has known me *since/for* I started school.

6 **** Complete the sentences so that they have the same meaning as the one above. Use the verb in brackets.**

1 I bought a laptop last year.
I *'ve had a laptop since* last year. (have)
2 I met my English teacher two years ago.
I _____ two years. (know)
3 I started at this school in 2012.
I _____ 2012 (be)
4 My father was born in this city.
My father _____ he was born. (live)
5 I didn't like rap music when it began. I don't like it now.
I _____ it began. (like)
6 My mother became interested in French films at university.
My mother _____ she was at university. (be)

7 ***** Write questions with *How long* ... and complete the answers.**

1 you / know / your neighbours?
I / know them / three years
Q: *How long have you known your neighbours?*
A: *I have known them for three years.*
2 your grandparents / live / at the same address?
They / live / there / they were married
Q: _____
A: _____
3 you / have / your mobile phone?
I / only have / it / two days
Q: _____
A: _____
4 your mother / work / in the same job?
She / work / in the same job / she / leave school
Q: _____
A: _____

8 ***** Complete the dialogue with the correct words.**

Jane: Granny, how long [1] *have* you lived in this house?
Granny: I [2] _____ lived here my whole life.
Jane: Wow! What about grandfather?
Granny: He [3] _____ lived here for thirty-five years. I met him at university, so I have known him [4] _____ forty years. We got married thirty-five years ago.
Jane: Do you like living in the country?
Granny: Yes, I've [5] _____ loved the country. I've [6] _____ liked big cities. They're too noisy.
Jane: But when you were young, did you go out much?
Granny: Oh yes, of course. I have always [7] _____ interested in music and films. I still love dancing, but I haven't been to a disco [8] _____ your mother was born. I haven't had the time or energy!

Grammar Alive Looking back

9 ***** Make true sentences for you using the Present Perfect and *always, never, for* or *since*.**

1 like school

I've always liked school.

I've never liked school.

2 be interested in politics
_____
3 want to visit Australia
_____
4 wear second-hand clothes
_____
5 be good at football
_____
6 have a boy/girl friend
_____