



GRAMMAR

Present Perfect | How long, for & since | been & gone

Name _____

A. Read the grammar rules for the use of **Present Perfect**.

Present perfect:
How long, for & since

We use the present perfect with *for* and *since* to talk about activities or situations that started in the past and are continuing in the present.

We've known each other for 8 years.

I haven't seen Carmel for two months.

We've been friends since 2008.

Eric hasn't played tennis since September.

We use *How long* to ask questions.

How long have you known your best friend?

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B. Drag the **time expression** into the correct column: **for** / **since**. (13 marks)

for	since
two weeks	last month

three days	6 o'clock
yesterday	my birthday
July	ten years
an hour	2010
five minutes	two weeks
Easter	last month
Wednesday	

C. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the **Present Perfect** and **for** or **since**. Use contracted forms. (10 marks)



1 Emily and Kate *have been* friends *since* 1950.



2 Jake in Los Angeles three months.



3 Brian any exercise ten years.



4 Lauren her car 2011.



5 Bern and Theo any water two days.



6 Leonie the same perfume Christmas.

-be-
live
not do
not drink
own
use

D. Write question for each prompt in the **Present Perfect** using **How long**. (6 marks)

live in your current home

How long have you lived in your current home?

be awake today

study English

have your school bag

be in this class

have your mobile phone

know your best friend

E. Read the grammar rules for the use of **been & gone**.

been & gone

The verb *go* has two past participles: *been* and *gone*.

We use *been* to say that a person has come back from the place.
Louis has been to China.

We use *gone* to say that a person is at a place but hasn't come back.
Lucia has gone to the swimming pool.

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F. Complete the dialogues with the verbs in the correct form. Use contracted forms. (7 marks)

- 1 A Where's Mum?
 B She's **gone** to the supermarket. (**go**)

- 2 A Which countries you ? (**visit**)
 B I to Canada, the USA, Mexico and Peru. (**go**)

- 3 A someone the car? (**take**)
 B Yes, Paolo. He to the gym. (**go**)

- 4 A Alicia looks relaxed!
 B Yeah, she on a lovely long holiday. (**go**)

G. Write the interview questions. Then write Lola's answers based on the information below. Use contracted forms. (10 marks)

The 60-second Interview

This week, we talk to actor Lola del Solar.

Born	1992
Filmography	12 films including <i>New Dawn</i> and <i>Never Too Late</i> .
First film	<i>Rosie's Road Trip</i>
Became professional actor	13 years old
Moved to New York	2009
Met boyfriend Keanu	2011
Acting awards	Academy Award for <i>New Dawn</i>
Best experience	Swimming in Cuba, 2007

- 1 how long / be / a professional actor / ?
 How long have you been a professional actor?
 I've been a professional actor since I was 13.
- 2 how long / live / in New York / ?
- 3 how many / films / make / ?
- 4 how long / know / Keanu / ?
- 5 ever / win / any awards / ?
- 6 ever / go / to the Caribbean / ?