

FOR OR SINCE

WE USE FOR AND SINCE TO SAY HOW LONG SOMETHING HAS BEEN HAPPENING, SO WE USE FOR TO TALK ABOUT A PERIOD OF TIME, WHEREAS WE USE SINCE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE START OF A PERIOD.

LOOK AT THESE TIME WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS; WOULD YOU USE THEM WITH "FOR" or "SINCE"?

EXAMPLE:

I've known my best friend for four years I've lived here since 2008

I was 12 seven months last summer lunch time
four days centuries 1965
ever 6.30 a.m. ages the first World War a few hours
yesterday five hours 25 years
Christmas June 25th a long time last night
Friday night six months some years

I. Put them in the correct column.

FOR



SINCE

II. Put the verb in the correct form of the present perfect and choose between FOR or SINCE

1. I move here two years ago, so I------(live) here-----two years.
2. We -----(wait) for the train-----the last half hour.
3. They ----- (be) married -----ten years.
4. She -----(have) this car -----2008.
5. I -----(have) this terrible headache -----I got up.
6. We------(not be) to the cinema -----ages.
7. Marie -----(share) her flat -----six months.
8. Alan -----(work) at the library-----June.
9. We -----(learn) English -----seven years.
10. I -----(want) to go to the States -----I started learning English.
11. It ----- (rain) ----- we got this morning.
12. They -----(know) each other-----a long time.
13. I -----(revise) for my test -----4.00 o'clock;
14. Kate -----(be) in England-----the last three weeks.
15. It -----(be) five years-----we had a holiday.

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REMEMBER ,WE USE AGO WITH THE PAST SIMPLE TO TALK ABOUT A PERIOD OF TIME AND IT IS PUT AT THE END OF THE TIME EXPRESSION OR EVEN SENTENCE.

III. CHANGE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES IN ORDER TO USE AGO

1. I have had this car since 2010.-----
2. They have known each other for five years-----
3. They have been married since 1999.-----
4. We have learnt Spanish for a year and a half.-----
5. We haven't been on holidays since 2011.-----
6. She has been in New York for six months.-----
7. I haven't eaten a nice piece of cake since my birthday.-----
8. Julie has worked in that factory since May.-----