

Present perfect since & for

1 Look and read.

PLAY

Graphic

Grammar

Present perfect with *How long?*,
for and *since*

How long have you been a dentist ?

I've been a dentist for 50 years .

No one has complained since 1975 .



Look!

for + a period of time: 12 years / three weeks / a long time

since + an exact moment in the past: 2001 / Friday / I had lunch

2 Write questions with *How long ...?* Complete the answers with *for* or *since*.

PLAY

1 Adela / be / a pilot?

How long has Adela been a pilot?

For 12 years.

2 Jill / work / as a vet?

_____ she left university.

3 Tyler / have / a horse?

_____ 2013.

4 the gardeners / work / in the park?

_____ a few years.

3 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

Be a star!



be / pupil at this school?

study / English?

live / this town?

know / me?

have / this bag?

How long have you been a pupil at this school?

I've been a pupil here since I was seven / for four years.

Look!

for + a period of time:

12 years / an hour / three weeks / a long time

since + an exact moment in the past:

2001 / Tuesday / four o'clock / I left university

Present perfect with *How long ...?*, *for* and *since*

PLAY

? How long have you been a dentist ?

+ I have been a dentist for 50 years .

I've been a dentist for 50 years .

- I have not slept since Friday .

I haven't slept since Friday .



they / be friends / for

They've been friends for three years.



Grandma / be on holiday in Australia / since



he / have an MP3 player / for



Cathy / like chocolate / since



they / live in their house / for

3.3 Look at the photos. Where's the man? What's he doing?
Listen to the interview and check your ideas.



Vocabulary

bite (bit)	delicious
explorer	horrible
mosquito	strange

3.3 Listen again and complete the fact files.

At work

Where? the Amazon

Favourite food? _____

Worst food? _____

Transport? _____

Scariest thing? _____

Worst experience? _____

At home

Where? _____

Favourite food? _____

Worst food? _____

Transport? _____

Scariest thing? _____

Worst experience? _____

Work in pairs. Choose the best person for a job. Be a star!

- **A** Look at page 145. **B** Look at page 147.
- Take turns to read the information in the table on your page and ask and answer questions about the candidates. **A** starts. Discuss who is the best person for the job.

How long has Alex been interested in computers?

He's been interested in computers since he was ten.

Read the information about your candidate for a summer job as a computer coder. Answer your partner's questions using the present perfect with *for / since*.

Computer coder	
Candidate's name	Marta Andersen
be / interested in computers?	12 years old
take / IT classes?	10 years
have / computer?	child
learn / English?	7 years old

Now ask your partner questions about their candidate for the job, using *How long ... ?* Complete the table with their answers.

Computer coder	
Candidate's name	Alex Martins
interest / computers?	
take / IT classes?	
have / computer?	
learn / English?	

Talk about the candidates with your partner. Who should get the job?

Ask your partner questions about their candidate for the job, using *How long ... ?* Complete the table with their answers.

Computer coder	
Candidate's name	Marta Andersen
interest / computers?	
take / IT classes?	
have / computer?	
learn / English?	

Now read the information about your candidate for a summer job as a computer coder. Answer your partner's questions using the present perfect with *for / since*.

Computer coder	
Candidate's name	Alex Martins
interest / computers?	10 years old
take / IT classes?	6 years
have / computer?	child
learn / English?	five

Talk about the candidates with your partner. Who should get the job?



Work in pairs. Use the prompts below and your own ideas.

- swim / in the sea
- see / elephant in the zoo
- sleep / in a sleeping bag
- visit / the countryside
- learn / first aid



Have you ever swum in the sea?

Yes, I have. I really enjoyed it!



Worksheet

Write the phrases in the correct columns.

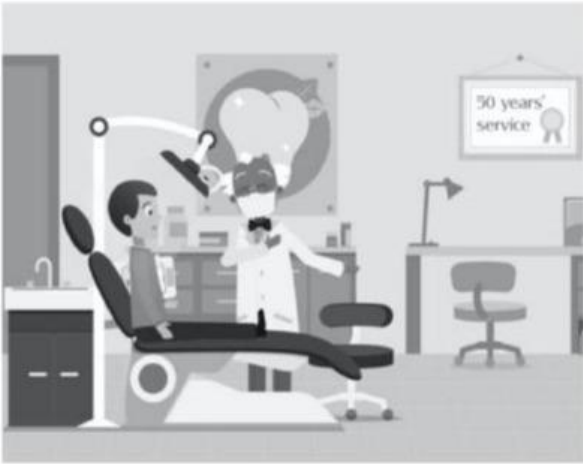
for	since
<i>two weeks</i>	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

two weeks
ten minutes
2012
three years
last year
7 o'clock
a long time
I left school

2 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

for How long visited since for **been** has 've

A: How long have you ¹ been a dentist?
B: I've been a dentist ² _____ 50 years.
A: ³ _____ have you worked here?
B: I ⁴ _____ worked here for 40 years.
A: What about your assistant? How long
⁵ _____ she worked here?
B: ⁶ _____ 1975. But no one has
⁷ _____ for years.
A: Hmm ... I think my teeth are fine!
B: Don't worry ... I haven't done this ⁸ _____
a very long time, but I think I know what to do ...



Write questions with the prompts. Then answer for you with *for* or *since*.

- How long / have / your mobile phone?
How long have you had your mobile phone? _____
- How long / have / your favourite hobby?

- How long / live / in your home?

- How long / know / your best friend?

- How long have you lived in your home? (since)

- How long have you studied at your school? (for)

- How long have you liked your favourite song? (for)

- How long have you known your teacher? (since)

Worksheet

4. Look, read and match.

1. A man with glasses and a computer monitor.
2. A woman with a cat.
3. A man with glasses and a red car.
4. A man with a guitar.
5. A woman with a ring.
6. An elderly woman with a necklace.

1980 one year last year six months twenty years August

1. He's had it for six months.
2. She's had it
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3.
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4.
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5.
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6.
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5. Complete with **since** or **for**.

1. We've lived in this house since 2005
2. They've lived here three years
3. We haven't seen John two days.
4. I haven't seen Kelly Friday.
5. We've had our car three months.
6. I've had this bike October .
7. Jenny's been in Italy last week .
8. They've been in Madrid a week.

Worksheet

6. Look at the timeline. Complete the questions and answers.



- 1 How long _____ has _____ Sara _____ been _____ (be) a paramedic?
Since _____ 2000 _____.
- 2 How long _____ Brian and Sara _____ (be) married?
_____ 17 years.
- 3 _____ long _____ Brian _____ (be) a skier?
_____ 2011.
- 4 How _____ Brian and Sara _____ (have) a cat?
For _____.
- 5 _____ they _____ (live) in Canada?
Since _____.
- 6 _____ Brian _____ (work) as a ski instructor?
_____ two years.



7. Write sentences. Write **for** or **since**.

- 1 William and Cara have had the museum for nearly 10 years.
- 2 William has collected toys _____ 1986.
- 3 Cara's liked collecting toys _____ she was a little girl.
- 4 Large numbers of people have visited every year _____ 2000.
- 5 Visitors from all over the world have brought toys and games to the museum _____ many years.
- 6 The museum has had a shop _____ 2002.
- 7 People have given toys to the museum _____ it opened in 2000.