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Present Perfect vs. Present Tense
Present Perfect vs. Past Tense
Since / For

- Discussing Duration of Activity
- Medical Symptoms and Problems
- Career Advancement
- Telling About Family Members

Vocabulary Preview

1. astronaut
2. cashier
3. clerk
4. computer programmer
5. doctor/physician
6. guidance counselor
7. guitarist
8. journalist
9. manager
10. musician
11. police officer
12. president
13. salesperson
14. taxi driver
15. vice president

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How Long?

for	since
three hours	three o'clock
two days	yesterday afternoon
a week	last week
a long time	2000
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A. How long have you known* each other?

B. We've known each other **for three years**.

*know – knew – known

A. How long have you been sick?

B. I've been sick **since last Friday**.

1. How long have Tom and Janet known each other?
   two years

2. How long have Mr. and Mrs. Garcia been married?
   1995

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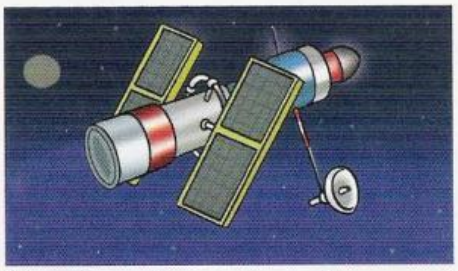
3. How long have you had a stomachache?
ten o'clock this morning

4. How long has Melanie had the measles?
five days

5. How long has Ms. Bennett been a guidance counselor?
nineteen years



6. How long have there been satellites in space?
1957

7. How long have you owned this car?
three and a half years

8. How long has Bob owned his own house?
1999

9. How long have you been interested in astronomy?
many years

10. How long has Glen been interested in photography?
a long time

11. How long have you been here?
1979

12. How long has your son had blue hair?
a week

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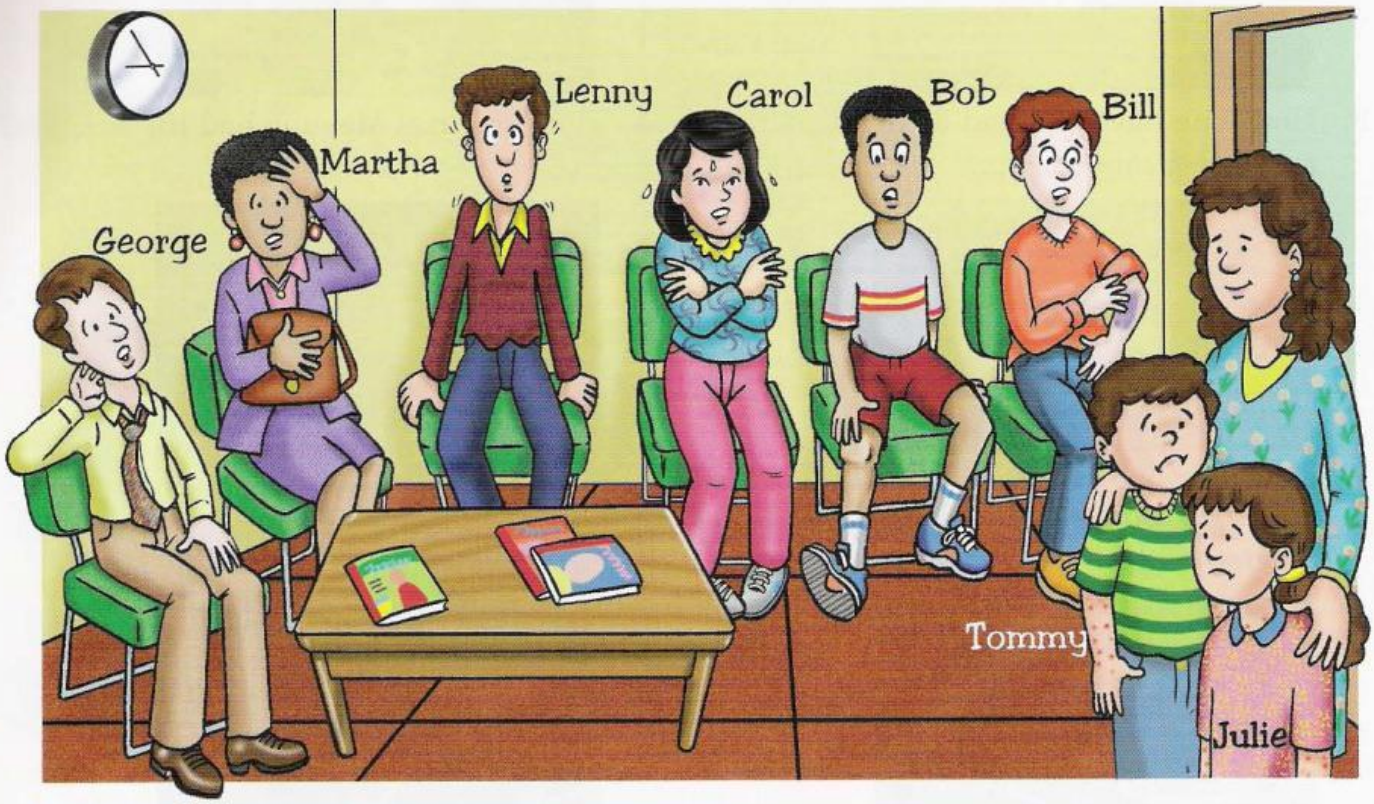
READING

A VERY DEDICATED DOCTOR



Dr. Fernando's waiting room is very full today. A lot of people are waiting to see him, and they're hoping that the doctor can help them. George's neck has been stiff for more than a week. Martha has had a bad headache since yesterday, and Lenny has felt dizzy since early this morning. Carol has had a high fever for two days, Bob's knee has been swollen for three weeks, Bill's arm has been black and blue since last weekend, and Tommy and Julie have had little red spots all over their bodies for the past twenty-four hours.

Dr. Fernando has been in the office since early this morning. He has already seen a lot of patients, and he will certainly see many more before the day is over. Dr. Fernando's patients don't know it, but he also isn't feeling well. He has had a pain in his back since last Thursday, but he hasn't taken any time to stay at home and rest. He has had a lot of patients this week, and he's a very dedicated doctor.

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READING *CHECK-UP*

Q & A

Dr. Fernando's patients are talking to him about their problems. Using this model, create dialogs based on the story.

A. So how are you feeling today, *George*?
B. Not very well, Dr. Fernando.
A. What seems to be the problem?
B. *My neck is stiff.*
A. I see. Tell me, how long *has your neck been stiff?*
B. *For more than a week.*

CHOOSE

1. They've known each other since _____.
   a. 2000
   b. three years
2. I've been interested in astronomy for _____.
   a. last year
   b. one year
3. She has been a doctor for _____.
   a. two years ago
   b. two years
4. He has had a toothache since _____.
   a. yesterday
   b. two days
5. We've been here for _____.
   a. one hour
   b. one o'clock
6. There have been two robberies in our neighborhood since _____.
   a. one month
   b. last month
7. My grandparents have owned this house for _____.
   a. a long time
   b. many years ago
8. They've been in love since _____.
   a. last spring
   b. three months

CHOOSE

1. My right arm has been very _____.
   a. dizzy
   b. stiff
2. My son has a high _____.
   a. fever
   b. pain
3. Tell me, how long has your knee been _____?
   a. nauseous
   b. swollen
4. Ted's leg has been black and _____.
   a. blue
   b. red
5. Dr. Fernando, there are several patients in the _____.
   a. past 24 hours
   b. waiting room
6. Look! I have spots all over my _____!
   a. measles
   b. body

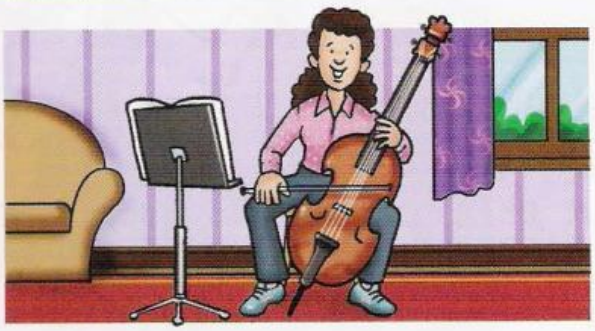
LIVEWORKSHEETS

Since I Was a Little Girl

A. Do you know how to ski?

B. Yes. I've known how to ski **since I was a little girl**.

A. Are you two engaged?

B. Yes. We've been engaged **since we finished college**.

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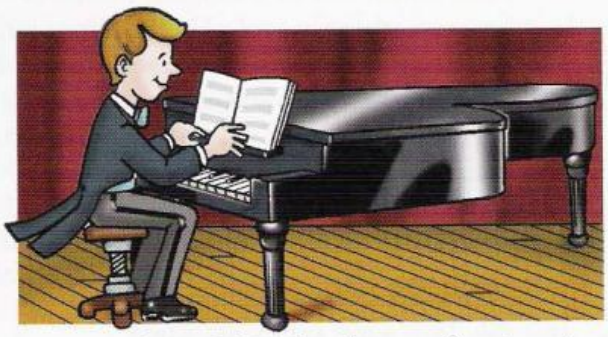
   since she was eight years old

2. Is your friend Michael a professional musician?
   since he graduated from music school

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3. Do you have a personal computer?
since I started high school

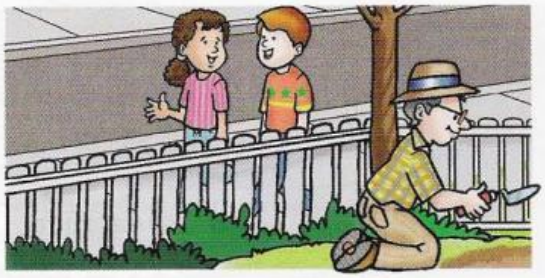
4. Are you interested in modern art?
since I read about Picasso

5. Is Paul interested in Russian history?
since he visited Moscow

6. Does Timmy know how to count to ten?
since he was two years old

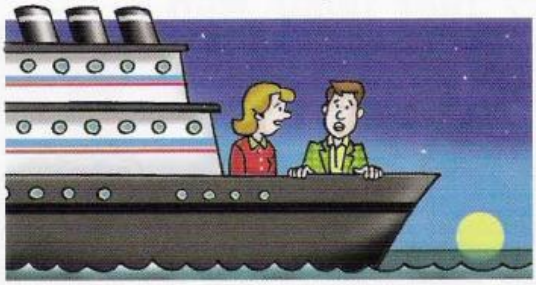
7. Do you like jazz?
since I was a teenager

8. Do you own your own business?
since I got out of the army



9. Do you know Mr. Wilson?
since I was a little boy

10. Do you have termites?
since we bought the house



11. Are you afraid of boats?
since I saw "Titanic"

12. Do your children know about "the birds and the bees"?*
since they were nine years old

*the facts of life

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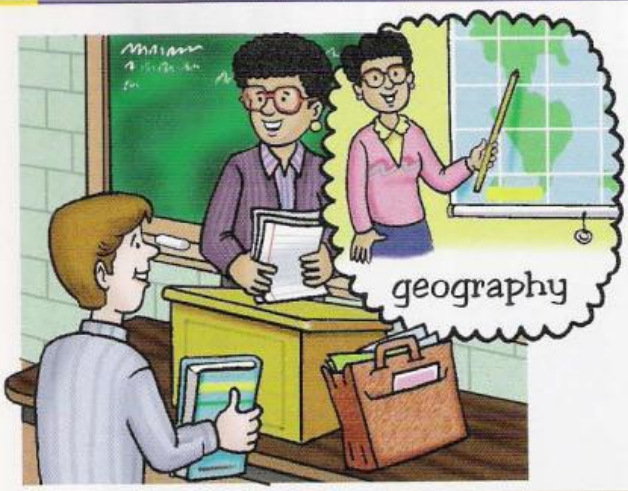
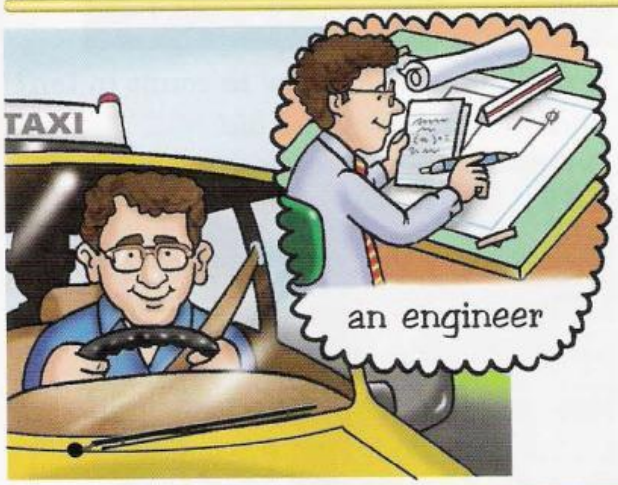
Have You Always Taught History?



A. Have you always taught history?

B. No. **I've taught** history for the past three years. Before that, **I taught** geography.



A. Has Victor always been a taxi driver?

B. No. **He's been** a taxi driver since he immigrated to this country. Before that, **he was** an engineer.

1. Have you always liked classical music?
the past five years

2. Has Carlos always been the store manager?
last January

3. Has Kimberly always had short hair?
she started her new job

4. Has your son always wanted to be an astronaut?
the past five or six years

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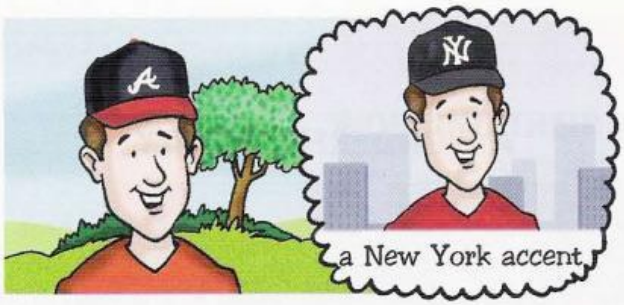
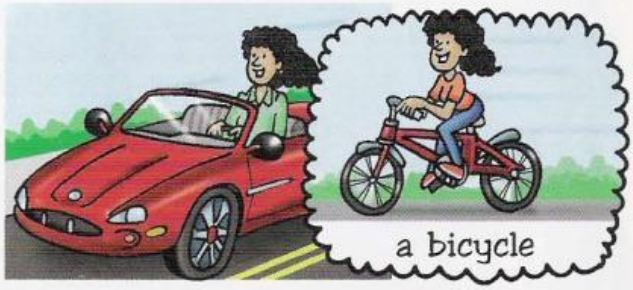


5. Has Ron always spoken with a southern accent?
he moved to Georgia

6. Have you and your wife always had a dog?
the last six months

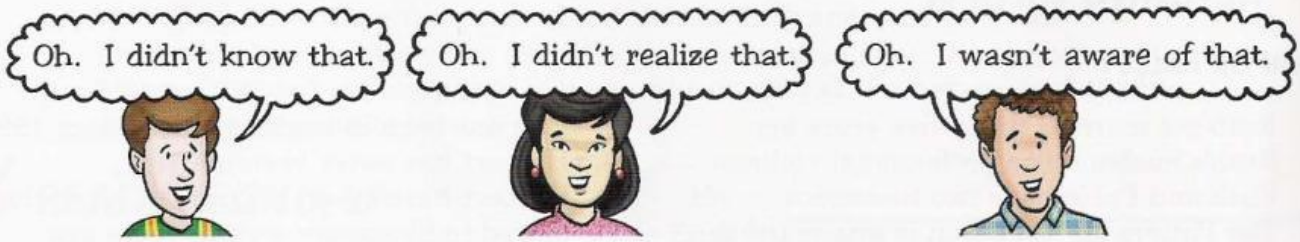
7. Have you always drunk skim milk?
I went on a diet



8. Has Carol always owned a sports car?
she won the lottery

How to Say It!

Reacting to Information



Practice the conversations in this lesson again. React to information in different ways.

How About You?

What is your present address? How long have you lived there?
What was your last address? How long did you live there?

Who is the leader of your country? How long has he/she been the leader?
Who was the last leader of your country? How long was he/she the leader?

Who is your English teacher now? How long has he/she been your teacher?
Who was your last English teacher? How long was he/she your teacher?

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READING

A WONDERFUL FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are very proud of their family. Their daughter, Ruth, is a very successful engineer. She has been an engineer since she finished college. Her husband's name is Pablo. They have been happily married for thirty-five years. Pablo is a professional guitarist. He has known how to play the guitar since he was four years old.

Ruth and Pablo have two children. Their son, David, is a computer programmer. He has been interested in computers since he was a teenager. Their daughter, Rita, is a physician. She has been a physician since she finished medical school in 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson also have a son, Herbert. Herbert is single. He has been a bachelor all his life. He's a famous journalist. They haven't seen him since he moved to Singapore several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson feel fortunate to have such wonderful children and grandchildren. They're very proud of them.

✓ READING *CHECK-UP*

True or False?

1. Ruth got married thirty-five years ago.
2. Ruth's husband is a professional violinist.
3. Ruth and Pablo have two teenagers.
4. The Pattersons' grandson is interested in computers.
5. Rita has been in medical school since 1997.
6. Herbert has never been married.
7. Herbert hasn't seen his parents since they moved to Singapore several years ago.

LISTENING

Listen to the conversation and choose the answer that is true.

1. a. She doesn't have a backache now.
   b. She still has a backache.
2. a. His father is an engineer.
   b. His father isn't an engineer.
3. a. Her knee isn't swollen now.
   b. Her knee is still swollen.
4. a. He isn't a teenager.
   b. He's a teenager.
5. a. She has lived in Tokyo for five years.
   b. She lived in Tokyo for five years.
6. a. Roger lives in Cairo.
   b. Roger has lived in Cairo.
7. a. Amy went home two days ago.
   b. Amy hasn't been home for two days.
8. a. He has lived in Toronto for three years.
   b. He lived in Toronto for three years.

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READING

WORKING THEIR WAY UP TO THE TOP

Louis is very successful. For the past six years, he has been the manager of the Big Value Supermarket on Grant Street. Louis has worked very hard to get where he is today. First, he was a clerk for two years. Then, he was a cashier for three years. After that, he was an assistant manager for five years. Finally, six years ago, he became the manager of the store. Everybody at the Big Value Supermarket is very proud of Louis. He started at the bottom, and he has worked his way up to the top.

Kate is very successful. For the past two years, she has been the president of the Marcy Company. Kate has worked very hard to get where she is today. She started her career at the Marcy Department Store in Dallas, Texas. First, she was a salesperson for three years. Then, she was the manager of the Women's Clothing Department for ten years. Then, she was the store manager for eight years. After that, she moved to New York and became a vice president. Finally, two years ago, she became the president. Everybody at the Marcy Company is very proud of Kate. She started at the bottom, and she has worked her way up to the top.

✓ READING *CHECK-UP*

TRUE, FALSE, OR MAYBE?

Answer True, False, or Maybe (if the answer isn't in the story).

1. Louis started as a cashier at the Big Value Supermarket.
2. He has worked there for sixteen years.
3. All employees at the Big Value Supermarket start at the bottom.
4. Kate has been the manager of the Women's Clothing Department in Dallas for ten years.
5. The Women's Clothing Department was on the bottom floor of the store.
6. Kate hasn't been a vice president for two years.

Writing

Write a story about your English teacher.

How long have you known him/her?
How long has he/she been an English teacher?
What did he/she do before that? How long?

Where does he/she live?
How long has he/she lived there?
Has he/she lived anywhere else? Where? How long?

Besides teaching English, what is your English teacher interested in?
How long has he/she been interested in that?

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ROLE PLAY *It's Been a Long Time*

A. George!

B. Tony! I can't believe it's you! I haven't seen you in years.

A. That's right, George. It's been a long time. How have you been?

B. Fine. And how about YOU?

A. Everything's fine with me, too.

B. Tell me, Tony, do you still live on Main Street?

A. No. I haven't lived on Main Street for several years. I live on River Road now. And how about YOU? Do you still live on Central Avenue?

B. No. I haven't lived on Central Avenue since 1995. I live on Park Boulevard now.

A. Tell me, George, are you still a barber?

B. No. I haven't been a barber for several years. I'm a computer programmer now. And how about YOU? Are you still a painter?

A. No. I haven't been a painter for a long time. I'm a carpenter now.

B. Tell me, Tony, do you still play the saxophone?

A. No. I haven't played the saxophone for many years. And how about YOU? Do you still go fishing on Saturday mornings?

B. No. I haven't gone fishing on Saturday mornings since I got married.

A. Well, George, I'm afraid I have to go now. We should get together soon.

B. Good idea, Tony. It's been a long time.

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Pretend that it's ten years from now. You're walking along the street and suddenly you meet a student who was in your English class. Try this conversation. Remember, you haven't seen this person for ten years.

A. _____!

B. _____! I can't believe it's you! I haven't seen you in years.

A. That's right, _____. It's been a long time. How have you been?

B. Fine. And how about YOU?

A. Everything's fine with me, too.

B. Tell me, _____, do you still live on _____?

A. No. I haven't lived on _____ (for/since) _____. I live on _____ now. And how about YOU? Do you still live on _____?

B. No. I haven't lived on _____ (for/since) _____. I live on _____ now.

A. Tell me, _____, are you still (a/an) _____?

B. No. I haven't been (a/an) _____ (for/since) _____. I'm (a/an) _____ now. And how about YOU? Are you still (a/an) _____?

A. No. I haven't been (a/an) _____ (for/since) _____. I'm (a/an) _____ now.

B. Tell me, _____, do you still _____?

A. No. I haven't _____ (for/since) _____. And how about YOU? Do you still _____?

B. No. I haven't _____ (for/since) _____.

A. Well, _____, I'm afraid I have to go now. We should get together soon.

B. Good idea, _____. It's been a long time.

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PRONUNCIATION Reduced *have* & *has*

Listen. Then say it.

How long have you been sick?

How long has Ms. Bennett been a teacher?

Bob has been the manager for six months.

Say it. Then listen.

How long have you known each other?

How long has Mr. Perkins had a stomachache?

Kate has been the president for the past two years.

Write in your journal about your activities and interests. What sport or musical instrument do you play? How long have you known how to play it? Why do you like it? What other things are you interested in? How long have you been interested in those things? Why do you like them?

CHAPTER SUMMARY

GRAMMAR

SINCE/FOR

We've known each other	since	three o'clock. yesterday afternoon. last week. 2000. we were in high school.
	for	three hours. two days. a week. a long time.

PRESENT PERFECT VS. PRESENT TENSE

I **know** how to ski.

I've **known** how to ski since I was a little girl.

PRESENT PERFECT VS. PAST TENSE

Victor **was** an engineer.

He's **been** a taxi driver since he immigrated.

KEY VOCABULARY

OCCUPATIONS

astronaut
barber
carpenter
cashier
clerk
computer programmer
doctor/physician
engineer
guidance counselor
guitarist
journalist
manager
musician
painter
police officer
president
salesperson
taxi driver
vice president

MEDICAL CARE

black and blue
dizzy
doctor
fever
headache
measles
pain
patient
physician
stiff
stomachache
swollen

SUBJECTS

astronomy
geography
history
music
photography

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