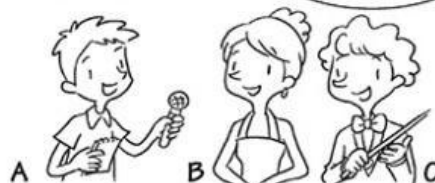


**Present perfect tense (4)** since • for

- A: How long have you been a pianist?  
 B: I've been a pianist **for** thirty years.  
 A: How long have you been a conductor?  
 C: I've been a conductor **since** 2005.

30 years ago → now

2005 → now



Use the **present perfect tense** to talk about things that started in the past and continue to the present.

**since** + a point in time (e.g. 2003, February, two o'clock)

**for** + a period of time (e.g. three hours, five days, four weeks, two months, four years)



**Underline the verbs in the present perfect tense. Then fill in the blanks with 'since' or 'for'.**

- Mr Black has lived in Hong Kong \_\_\_\_\_ many years.
- Leo has sung in the school choir \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
- Gary has slept \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.
- He has been a pilot \_\_\_\_\_ twelve years.
- I have studied for this exam \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- She has been sick \_\_\_\_\_ Monday.
- Grandma has lived in Hong Kong \_\_\_\_\_ February.
- Miss Wu has been a ballet teacher \_\_\_\_\_ six months.
- The Wong family have had their dog Rocky \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.
- Mr and Mrs Mak have become parents \_\_\_\_\_ last year.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Practice

Complete the questions and the answers using 'since' or 'for' and the present perfect tense.

1 A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Fung \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher?

B: She \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ ten years.



2 A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ football for this club?

B: I \_\_\_\_\_ football for this club \_\_\_\_\_ 2007.



3 A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ Uncle Tommy \_\_\_\_\_ a model lover?

B: He \_\_\_\_\_ four years.



4 A: How long \_\_\_\_\_ Mr and Mrs Li \_\_\_\_\_ in Hong Kong?

B: \_\_\_\_\_ January.

Grammar  
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Context

Roy is writing in his diary. Complete the diary entry using the present perfect tense and the words given.

since for just  
yet already

write say visit  
eat wash be



17th September 20XX, Saturday

Cloudy

I had a very busy day today. My pen friend Shirley is visiting Hong Kong.

Shirley and I ① \_\_\_\_\_ to each other ② \_\_\_\_\_ 2013. She

③ \_\_\_\_\_ in Hong Kong ④ \_\_\_\_\_ one week now. She

⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ Disneyland and the Peak ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_. Dad said

I should take Shirley to eat seafood but Shirley ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ some. She went to a seafood restaurant on Lamma Island yesterday.

I decided to take her to Ocean Park instead. We looked at the pandas and went on

the rides there. I am very tired now. Mum ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_

goodnight to me. I ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ my face ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_,

so I will do that now.