LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Present perfect with *for/since* and *How long … ?*

1 ☆ Circle the best ending for each sentence.

1 I've lived here for …
(a) two years. b I was 14 years old.

2 I've had this phone for …
a a long time. b 2015.

3 I haven't eaten anything since …
a about three hours. b this morning.

4 I've been able to speak French since …
a 10 years ago. b I was a child.

5 My best friend and I have known each other for …
a six years. b we started school together.

6 Max has been on the computer since …
a all day. b he woke up.

2 ☆☆ Complete the questions with *How long* and the present perfect form of the verbs in the box.

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A [1] *How long have you lived* here?
B For about six months. I really like it here. It's a nice city.
A So Emma and Kirsty are friends? [2] _____ each other?
B Since they were about three years old. They've been best friends for ages!
A I didn't know Olivia liked watching tennis. [3] _____ it?
B For a long time. She's played in the school team since she was really young.
A I see that Will's got a new bike. [4] _____ it?
B For ages. He needed a new one. The old one was too small for him.
A I'm sorry I'm late, everyone. [5] _____ here?
B Not long. Don't worry. We only got here ten minutes ago.

Present perfect and past simple

3 ☆☆ Complete the joke with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

My friend [1] *told* (tell) me a funny joke this morning. I [2] _____ (hear) a lot of jokes in my life, but this one [3] _____ (make) me laugh when I [4] _____ (hear) it.



A girl and her father [5] _____ (be) at the dinner table, having some soup. The girl [6] _____ (ask) her dad, 'Dad, are spiders nice to eat?' 'What a horrible question,' [7] _____ (say) the father. 'Can't you think of anything nice to say at dinner time? Please let me eat. I [8] _____ (eat not) anything since this morning!' The girl [9] _____ (decide) to be quiet. They both [10] _____ (eat) their dinner in silence. Later, the girl's father [11] _____ (ask), 'Why did you want to know about spiders earlier?' She replied, 'Oh, there was a spider in your soup. But it [12] _____ (go) now.'

4 ☆☆ Write questions with the present perfect or the past simple.

1 a you / ever / tell / a lie? *Have you ever told a lie?*
b Who / you / tell / the lie to? _____
c Why / you / tell / it? _____

2 a anyone / ever / tell / you a secret? _____
b it / a very big secret? _____
c you / ever / tell / another person the secret? _____

5 ☆☆☆ Choose question 1 or 2 from Exercise 4. Write your answers.

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