

1 GRAMMAR present perfect + for and since

a Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 A Is Laura still frightened of flying?
B Yes, she hasn't been (not be) on a plane for about ten years.
- 2 A Do you like snakes?
B No, I _____ (have) a phobia of them since I was a child.
- 3 A How long _____ (you / live) in Prague?
B We've been here since 2005.
- 4 A Does your sister work at the local school?
B Yes, she _____ (work) there since she left university.
- 5 A How's John these days?
B I don't know. I _____ (not hear) from him since he moved to Washington.
- 6 A Is that a new coat?
B No, I _____ (have) it for years.

b Rewrite the sentences and correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

- 1 How long **do you have** your dog?
How long have you had your dog?
- 2 **Gill hates** spiders since she was a child.

- 3 **How much time** has your brother been an actor?
_____?
- 4 **We're married** for ten years, and we're very happy.
_____.
- 5 My cousin's been in the USA **for February**.
_____.
- 6 He's had the same job **since eight years**.
_____.
- 7 I've had this bike **since a long time**.
_____.

c Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets and for or since. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 Juliet and I were in the same class at school. We 've known each other for (know each other) 20 years.
- 2 This is our new dog. We _____ (only have him) October.
- 3 The garden is very dry. It _____ (not rain) weeks.
- 4 I think Dan and Lucy will get married soon. They _____ (be together) three years now.
- 5 Christina is very excited about going to Italy. She _____ (not be on holiday) a long time.
- 6 I don't ever want to leave London. I _____ (live here) I was five.
- 7 I'm really hungry. I _____ (not eat anything) breakfast.
- 8 He _____ (play in the band) two years.

