

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.