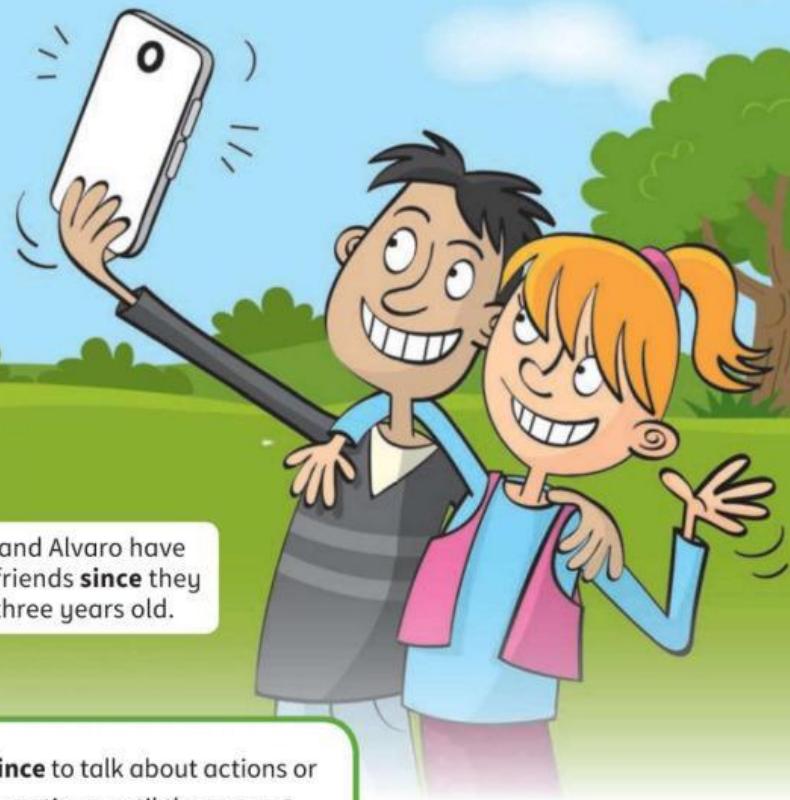


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# Present perfect with for and since



Inma and Alvaro have been friends **since** they were three years old.

## Language focus

Use **present perfect** with **for** and **since** to talk about actions or states which began in the past and continue until the present.

Use **for** to talk about a period of time, e.g. one day, two weeks, three months, four years.

*Henry has lived in San Francisco **for** ten years.*

Use **since** to talk about a point in time, e.g. last year, 2014, my birthday, this morning.

*Katie has played the saxophone **since** the beginning of the year.*

### 1 Write **for** or **since**.

1 six weeks

for \_\_\_\_\_

2 last weekend

\_\_\_\_\_

3 this morning

\_\_\_\_\_

4 two days

\_\_\_\_\_

5 2015

\_\_\_\_\_

6 five minutes

\_\_\_\_\_

7 December

\_\_\_\_\_

8 last Friday

\_\_\_\_\_

9 half an hour

\_\_\_\_\_

10 eight months

\_\_\_\_\_

**2** Circle the correct word.

- 1 Our school football team has won the league **for** / since the last three years.
- 2 My mother has been a clothes designer **for** / since 20 years.
- 3 My friend Sam has played the piano **for** / since he was five years old.
- 4 We've lived in this house **for** / since 2009.
- 5 My sister lived in Santiago de Chile **for** / since six months.
- 6 My brother has been interested in dinosaurs **for** / since he was a little boy.

**3** Complete the text messages with **for** or **since**.

Hi, Alex. We've been here (1) for  
a week. It's great! I don't want to leave.

I want to be you! I've been in bed with a  
really bad cold (2) since Monday.

Oh no! I'm sorry to hear that. Get better soon. I probably shouldn't  
tell you – I've been on the beach (3) since we got here!

No, you shouldn't! Text me when you get home. You can come round to see  
my new phone. I've had it (4) for a week. It's got a great screen!

Lucky you! I'd love a new phone. I've had mine (5) for ages!

Yes, I know. You've had yours (6) since we were in our old school. I'm going  
to say goodbye now. I need to go back to sleep. Enjoy the rest of your holiday!

**4** Complete the sentences with **for** or **since** and a time expression.

- 1 I've studied English \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 I've lived in my house \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 I've known my best friend \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I've been at my school \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 I haven't tidied my room \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 I haven't gone on holiday \_\_\_\_\_.