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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.

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| 1 six weeks | <u>for</u> |
| 2 last weekend | _____ |
| 3 this morning | _____ |
| 4 two days | _____ |
| 5 2015 | _____ |

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| 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) _____ 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) _____ 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) _____ a week. It's got a great screen!

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

Yes, I know. You've had yours (6) _____ 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 _____.