

Present perfect with since and for



We use the present perfect with **since** and **for** to talk about situations and events in a period of time from the past until now.

past ← X → now
Monday Tuesday Wednesday

I've had this cold since Monday.

I've felt ill for three days.

We use **since** with a point in time (when the situation or event started).

Present perfect	since	Point in time
<i>I've been here</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>7.30 a.m.</i>
<i>She's played the violin</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>she was four.</i>

We use **for** with a length of time (the duration of the event or situation).

Present perfect	for	Length of time
<i>I've been here</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>two hours.</i>
<i>She's played the violin</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>20 years.</i>

*15 11.4 Listen and tick the correct answer.

- ▶ a Since I was four.
- ▶ b Since I was ten.

1 a For five years.
b For ten years.

2 a Since March.
b Since April.

3 a For 30 minutes.
b For 45 minutes.

4 a Since 2002.
b Since 2007.

5 a Since half past two.
b Since half past one.



*16 Write the time expressions in the correct place.

April ten days nine o'clock 2002
two weeks a short time three years
1st October Sunday I was eight
a few minutes about half an hour

since	for
April	ten days

*17 11.5 Complete the sentences with **since** or **for**. Then listen, check and repeat.

- ▶ I've known Ryan for three months.
- 1 Have you had that book since you were eight?
- 2 We've been here for five minutes.
- 3 She's worked there for ten years.
- 4 I haven't seen you since August.
- 5 He's been ill for a long time.
- 6 She's played tennis since 2009.
- 7 They've been very happy since they got married.
- 8 You've lost weight since last month.

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Write sentences from the prompts.

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- ▶ They / be married – 30 years
They've been married for 30 years.

1 I / know Lucy – 2008

2 You / grow – I last saw you

3 It / not rain – two years

4 We / live here – a long time

5 He / not shave – six months

6 Her English / improve – she moved to the UK