

# 7B GRAMMAR



1 Magnus works at home, he's a self-employed web designer.



3 Dylan works as a lifeguard at the beach.



2 Ellie works in an office for a multinational company.

- 1 In pairs, look at the photos and say which job you would prefer to have and why.  
*I'd like to be a lifeguard. You don't get paid much but I love the sea.*

## Present Perfect (2)

- 2 3.3 Match sentences a-c with the people in the photos. Listen and check.
- a  I've been in Australia since November.
  - b  I've loved Japan since I was a little kid.
  - c  I'm my own boss but I haven't had a good break for weeks.
- 3 Look at sentences a-c in Exercise 2 again and choose the correct answers.
- 1 Dylan is / isn't in Australia now.
  - 2 We use *for* / *since* with a point in time in the past, e.g. last Tuesday.
  - 3 We use *for* / *since* with a period of time, e.g. four days.
- 4 Study the Grammar box and *Watch out!* and check your answers to Exercise 3.

### Present Perfect (2)

We also use the Present Perfect to talk about situations that began in the past and continue now.  
 We often use *since* to say when the situation started or *for* to say how long this situation has been true.  
 In questions, we use *How long* to ask about duration.

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### WATCH OUT!

We don't use the Present Simple tense to talk about situations that began in the past and continue in the present:  
*I've worked here for four years.* NOT *I work here for four*

- 5 Read the sentences. Who doesn't work here anymore?
- 1 Jeff worked here for ten years.
  - 2 Jerry has worked here for five years.
  - 3 Jenny has worked here since January.

- 6 3.3 Listen again and answer the questions using the Present Perfect and *for* or *since*. In pairs, check your answers.
- 1 How many jobs has Magnus had since he left school?  
*He's had sixteen jobs since he left school.*
  - 2 How long has he had his current job?
  - 3 How long has Ellie lived in Japan?
  - 4 Has she had a holiday recently?
  - 5 How long has Dylan been away from Ireland?
  - 6 How long has he been a lifeguard?
  - 7 Has he seen his family recently?

- 7 Rewrite the sentences with the Present Perfect and *for*, *since* or *How long*.

- 1 Barry lost his job in January.  
*Barry has been out of work since January.*
- 2 I started working here four months ago.
- 3 How long ago did you become a teacher?
- 4 Josh went into the interview at ten and now it's eleven.
- 5 My dad's fifty years old. He's been a policeman for twenty-five years.

- 8 **SPEAKING** In pairs, ask and answer questions in the Present Perfect. Use *How long*, the prompts below and your own ideas.

be here study at this school have this English book  
 mum/dad have his/her job

- A *How long have you been here?*  
 B *I've been here for thirty minutes.*  
 A *I've been here since ten o'clock.*