

Practice

A Complete each time expression with *for* or *since*.

- 1 for a long time.
- 2 two weeks.
- 3 2003.
- 4 last year.
- 5 three years.
- 6 only a day!
- 7 Christmas.
- 8 I was 12.

Now answer the question.

How long have you lived in your house?

I've lived in my house _____.

B Complete the sentences with the present perfect of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.

- 1 They 've always wanted to visit New York. (always want)
- 2 We _____ my cousins since the beginning of last year. They are always very busy. (not see)
- 3 It _____ a really good summer. I don't want it to end. (be)
- 4 They _____ in the same house all their lives. (live)
- 5 My sister and I share a bedroom. We _____ our own rooms. (never have)
- 6 How long _____ you _____ your mountain bike? (have)
- 7 He _____ his home town. (always love)
- 8 How long _____ she _____ ill? (be)
- 9 He _____ in the same bank for years. (work)
- 10 I _____ he was the best. (always think)

C Ask questions about the celebrities using *How long ...?* and the present perfect.

- 1 Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones are married.
How long have they been married?
- 2 Madonna drives a Mini Cooper car.
- 3 Sienna Miller lives in Marylebone.
- 4 Paul McCartney plays the piano.
- 5 Ringo Starr is a **vegetarian**.
- 6 Jennifer Connelly speaks Italian.

MY TURN!

Make sentences with the words given and a time phrase which is true for you. Write them in your notebook.

- 1 I / be / hungry
I've been hungry since 9 o'clock this morning.
- 2 I / not see / my cousin
- 3 I / be / at this school
- 4 I / know / my / best friend
- 5 I / not do / the washing-up
- 6 My family / live / here

MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

- 1 _____ to meet Madonna.
a I always have wanted b I've always wanted c I've wanted always
- 2 We've lived in Marylebone _____.
a for ages b ages ago c since ages
- 3 They've had their flat in Marylebone since they _____ married.
a get b got c have got
- 4 A: How long _____? B: For about six years.
a are they famous b have they been famous c they've been famous
- 5 She _____ London since she was a child.
a isn't visit b didn't visit c hasn't visited

Practice

A Underline the correct option to complete the sentences about Tom Cruise.

- When he was a boy, Tom Cruise went / has been to fourteen different schools.
- While he was at high school, he acted / has acted in school plays.
- Since his first film in 1981, the actor starred / has starred in some very popular films, e.g. *Top Gun*, *Mission: Impossible* and *Jerry Maguire*.
- He worked / has worked with some very famous film makers, including Kubrick and Scorsese.
- He was / has been married to actress Nicole Kidman until 2001.
- He became / has become a father in 2006, when his daughter Suri was / has been born.

Tom says:

- 'I had / 've had a very interesting life.'



C Match the pairs.

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| 1 I've sent all the letters this morning. | a (It's four o'clock in the afternoon.) |
| 2 I sent all the letters this morning. | b (It's eleven o'clock in the morning.) |
| 3 She learnt to speak seven languages. | a (She is not still alive.) |
| 4 She has learnt to speak seven languages. | b (She is still alive.) |
| 5 He worked for the company for three years. | a (He still works there.) |
| 6 He has worked for the company for three years. | b (He doesn't work there now.) |
| 7 He has sold a lot of cars today. | a (It's 10 pm and he is not working now.) |
| 8 He sold a lot of cars today. | b (It's 4 pm and he is still working.) |

B Complete these sentences using the past simple or present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

- My grandfather didn't have much money when he was a young man. (not have)
- It was difficult to get a good job then. (be)
- Did you hear this song before? (hear)
- What did you dream about last night? (dream)
- My uncle collects old motorbikes. He has bought three. (buy)
- When the teacher was in the room, we stood up. (come)
- There were more accidents on the road last month than in the whole of last year. (be)
- You haven't worn that coat for a long time! (not wear)

MY TURN!

Make past simple or present perfect questions from the words and write them in your notebook. Sometimes both tenses are possible.

- you / ever / see a dolphin?
- when / you / last / go swimming?
- how many different schools / you / study at / before now?
- what / you / yesterday / do?
- how many exams / you / this year / take?
- When your mother was young, where / she / live?
- you / ever / live / another country?
- what / your family / last weekend / do?

1 Have you ever seen a dolphin?

In your notebook, answer the questions about yourself and your family. Use the past simple or present perfect in your answers.

MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

- A: How long has he been a multi-millionaire? B: Since I was 30. a have you been b are you c you have been
- A: Have you ever seen *Finding Nemo*? B: Yes, did I see it on DVD last week. a I've watched b I've watching c I watched
- Has she had her Apple I computer since 1977. a She has b She's had c She have
- We've seen some Pixar films, but I haven't seen *Ratatouille* yet. a don't see b haven't seen c haven't see
- Have they worked together for 20 years, from 1976 to 1996. a They work b They've worked c They worked

My Test answers: 1a 2c 3b 4b 5c