

Theme	: People and Culture
Unit 8	: Good Luck, Bad Luck

Language/ Grammar Focus : Learn and review Present Perfect and the use of *for* and *since*.
Make questions using *How long?*

since	We use since with the present perfect or the past perfect to say when something started : if the starting point is given (two o'clock, last Friday, 1998) <i>I have worked here since December.</i> <i>They had been watching since seven o'clock in the morning.</i>
for	We use for to say how long : if the period of time is given (twenty minutes, two days, one year) <i>We have been waiting for twenty minutes.</i> <i>They lived in Manchester for fifteen years.</i> We can also use a noun phrase without for : <i>Let's go. We've been waiting nearly an hour.</i> <i>I've worked here twenty years.</i>

Exercise 1.

Choose the correct answer: **since** or **for**?

1. I have lived in Penang three years.
2. Dido has been a nurse 2000.
3. We haven't met our last year at secondary school.
4. I have been working a long time.
5. My neighbours have been on vacation two weeks.
6. What have you been doing you left your last job?
7. He has had his new smartphone a month.
8. Where have you been working you had your bachelor's degree?
9. The Post Office has been closed Monday.
10. He has known her they were twelve years old.
11. I have been waiting 2 o'clock.
12. Sussana has only been waiting 20 minutes.
13. Doreen and Norme have been learning English five years.
14. Sharmilah and Saryati have been learning French 2010.
15. Yvonne and Joseph have been going out together Valentine's Day.
16. I haven't been on holiday last August.
17. Jai has been saving his money many at least 5 years.
18. I haven't eaten anything yesterday.
19. You have been watching drama hours.
20. We have been living here for 10 months.

We use **how long** to talk about the amount of time something takes. *How long is the movie? It's 2 hours.*

How long? is used to ask questions about amounts or periods of time. Take a look at the following:

- 'How long have you been waiting?' 'Only for a minute or two.'
- 'How long have they been married?' 'Oh, for a very long time. More than 25 years.'
- 'How long will the concert last?' 'It should be over by ten o' clock, I think.'
- 'How long was your stay in Malaysia?' 'The project lasted for two years, but I was there for two and a half years.'
- 'How long have you been living in this house?' 'For 12 years now, ever since my mother died.'
- 'How much longer can you stay?' 'Not much longer. For another ten minutes perhaps. I have to be home before midnight.'

Exercise 2.

By using '**How Long**', create questions according to the answers below.

1. _____?

She will stay here for two weeks.

2. _____?

He will be waiting for 30 more minutes.

3. _____?

I will write about 100 words.

4. _____?

She will play violin for 1 hour.

5. _____?

It will take 2 hours and 15 minutes.

6. _____?

It will type approximately 3 hours.

7. _____?

They will read for 40 minutes.

8. _____?

They will write for at least 20 minutes.