

TEST: FOR OR SINCE



12.1 Write for or since.

- 1 It's been raining since lunchtime.
- 2 Paul has lived in Brazil for ten years.
- 3 I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here for an hour.
- 4 Kevin has been looking for a job since he left school.
- 5 I haven't been to a party for ages.
- 6 I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him for last week.
- 7 Jane is away on holiday. She's been away for Friday.
- 8 The weather is dry. It hasn't rained for a few weeks.

12.2 Look at each answer and choose the right question.

- 1

How long have they been married?
When did they get married?

Ten years ago.

(When did they get married? is correct)
- 2

How long have you had this car?
When did you buy this car?

About five years.
- 3

How long have you been waiting?
When did you get here?

Only a few minutes.
- 4

How long have you been doing your course?
When did your course start?

September.
- 5

How long has Anna been in London?
When did Anna arrive in London?

Last week.
- 6

How long have you known each other?
When did you first meet each other?

A long time.

12.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- 1 It's raining. It's been raining since lunchtime. It started raining at lunchtime.
- 2 Ann and Jess are friends. They first met years ago. They've known each other for years.
- 3 Mark is unwell. He became ill on Sunday. He has been unwell Sunday.
- 4 Sarah is married. She's been married for a year. She got married.
- 5 You have a headache. It started when you woke up.
I've had a headache I woke up.
- 6 Sue is in a meeting at work. It's been going on since 9 o'clock.
The meeting started at 9 o'clock.
- 7 You're working in a hotel. You started working there six months ago.
I've been working there.
- 8 Kate is learning Japanese. She's been doing this for a long time.
Kate started learning Japanese.

12.4 Complete B's sentences.

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| 1 Do you often go on holiday? | No, I <u>haven't had a holiday for</u> five years. |
| 2 Have you seen Lisa recently? | No, I <u>haven't seen her for</u> about a month. |
| 3 Do you still go swimming regularly? | No, I <u>haven't gone swimming for</u> a long time. |
| 4 Do you still ride a bike these days? | No, I <u>haven't ridden a bike for</u> ages. |

Now write B's answers again. This time use It's ... since ...

- 5 (1) No, it's five years since I last had a holiday.
- 6 (2) No, it's been a long time since I saw her.
- 7 (3) No, it's a long time since I went swimming.
- 8 (4) It's ages since I rode a bike.