

PRESENT PERFECT

Write *for* or *since*.

It's been raining _____ lunchtime.

Sarah has lived in Paris _____ 1995.

Paul has lived in London _____ ten years.

I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here _____ an hour.

Kevin has been looking for a job _____ he left school.

I haven't been to a party _____ ages.

I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him _____ last week.

Jane is away. She's been away _____ Friday.

The weather is dry. It hasn't rained _____ a few weeks.

Write B's sentences using the words in brackets.

1. A: Do you often go on holiday?

B: (no / five years) _____

2. A: Do you often see Sarah?

B: (no / about a month) _____

3. A: Do you often go to the cinema?

B: (no / a long time) _____

4. A: Do you often eat in restaurants?

B: (no / ages) _____

Now write B's sentences again, this time use *It's ... since ...*.

1. No, it's five years since I had a holiday.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Put in *been* or *gone*.

1. Jim is on holiday. He's _____ to Italy.

2. Hello! I've just _____ to the shops. I've bought lots of things.

3. Alice isn't here at the moment. She's _____ to the shop to get a newspaper.

4. Tom has _____ out. He'll be back in about an hour.

5. 'Are you going to the bank?' 'No, I've already _____ to the bank.'

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Read the situations and write questions from the words in brackets.

1. John tells you that his mother is in hospital. You ask him:
(how long / be / in hospital?)

2. You meet a woman who tells you that she teaches English. You ask her:
(how long / teach / English?)

3. You know that Jane is a good friend of Caroline's. You ask Jane:
(how long / know / Caroline?)

4. Your friend's brother went to Australia some time ago and he's still there. You ask your friend:
(how long / be / in Australia?)

5. Tim always wears the same jacket. It's very old jacket. You ask him:
(how long / have / that jacket?)

6. You are talking to a friend about Joe. Joe now works at the airport. You ask your friend:
(how long / work / at the airport?)

7. A friend of yours is learning to drive. You ask him:
(how long / learn / to drive)

8. You meet somebody on a plane. She says that she lives in Chicago. You ask her:
(how long / live / in Chicago)

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Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use the following verbs:

be be eat happen have ~~meet~~ play read see see try
R

Once you use the verb, drop it here:

| | | | | ~~meet~~ | | | | |

A

What is Mark's sister like?

How is Diane these days?

Are you hungry?

Can you play chess?

Are you enjoying your holiday?

What's the book like?

Is Brussels an interesting place?

Mike was late for work again today.

Do you like caviar?

I hear your car broke down again yesterday.

Who's that woman by the door?

B

I've no idea. *I've never met* her.

I don't know. I _____ her recently.

Yes. I _____ much today.

Yes, but _____ for ages.

Yes, it's the best holiday _____ for a long time.

I don't know. _____ it.

I've no idea. _____ there.

Again? He _____ late every day this week.

I don't know. _____ it.

Yes, it's the second time _____ this week.

I don't know. _____ her before.