Achievers A2 — GRADE 8 UNIT 7
YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

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GRAMMAR Present Perfect | *How long, for & since* | *been & gone*

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A. Read the grammar rules for the use of Present Perfect.

Present perfect: *How long, for & since*

We use the present perfect with *for* and *since* to talk about activities or situations that started in the past and are continuing in the present.

*We **'ve known** each other **for** 8 years.*
*I **haven't seen** Carmel **for** two months.*
*We **'ve been** friends **since** 2008.*
*Eric **hasn't played** tennis **since** September.*

We use *How long* to ask questions.
***How long have** you **known** your best friend?*

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B. Drag the time expression into the correct column: for / since. (13 marks)

for	since
two weeks	*last month*

three days | yesterday | July | an hour | five minutes | Easter | Wednesday

6 o'clock | my birthday | ten years | 2010 | ~~two weeks~~ | ~~last month~~

C. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the Present Perfect and for or since. Use contracted forms. (10 marks)



1. Emily and Kate *have been* friends *since* 1950.



2. Jake _____ in Los Angeles _____ three months.



3. Brian _____ any exercise _____ ten years.



4. Lauren _____ her car _____ 2011.



5. Bern and Theo _____ any water _____ two days.



6. Leonie _____ the same perfume _____ Christmas.

~~be~~ | live | not do | not drink | own | use

D. Write question for each prompt in the Present Perfect using How long. (6 marks)

live in your current home
How long have you lived in your current home?

be awake today
_____

study English
_____

have your school bag
_____

be in this class
_____

have your mobile phone
_____

know your best friend
_____

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E. Read the grammar rules for the use of been & gone.

been & gone

The verb *go* has two past participles: *been* and *gone*.

We use *been* to say that a person has come back from the place.

*Louis **has been** to China.*

We use *gone* to say that a person is at a place but hasn't come back.

*Lucia **has gone** to the swimming pool.*

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F. Complete the dialogues with the verbs in the correct form. Use contracted forms. (7 marks)

1 A Where's Mum?

B She*'s gone* to the supermarket. **(go)**

2 A Which countries _____ you _____? **(visit)**

B I _____ to Canada, the USA, Mexico and Peru. **(go)**

3 A _____ someone _____ the car? **(take)**

B Yes, Paolo. He _____ to the gym. **(go)**

4 A Alicia looks relaxed!

B Yeah, she _____ on a lovely long holiday. **(go)**

G. Write the interview questions. Then write Lola's answers based on the information below. Use contracted forms. (10 marks)

The 60-second Interview

This week, we talk to actor Lola del Solar.



Born	1992
Filmography	12 films including *New Dawn* and *Never Too Late.*
First film	*Rosie's Road Trip*
Became professional actor	13 years old
Moved to New York	2009
Met boyfriend Keanu	2011
Acting awards	Academy Award for *New Dawn*
Best experience	Swimming in Cuba, 2007

1 how long / be / a professional actor / ?

How long have you been a professional actor?

I've been a professional actor since I was 13.

2 how long / live / in New York / ?

3 how many / films / make / ?

4 how long / know / Keanu / ?

5 ever / win / any awards / ?

6 ever / go / to the Caribbean / ?

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