

Present perfect with **since** and **for**

How long **have you had** a cold?



Since Monday.

We use the present perfect with **since** and **for** to talk about situations and events in a period of time from the past until now.

past ← → now
Monday Tuesday Wednesday

*I've had this cold **since** Monday.*
*I've felt ill **for** three days.*

We use **since** with a point in time (when the situation or event started).

Present perfect	since	Point in time
<i>I've been here</i>	since	<i>7.30 a.m.</i>
<i>She's played the violin</i>	since	<i>she was four.</i>

We use **for** with a length of time (the duration of the event or situation).

Present perfect	for	Length of time
<i>I've been here</i>	for	<i>two hours.</i>
<i>She's played the violin</i>	for	<i>20 years.</i>

*16 Write the time expressions in the correct place.

April ~~ten days~~ nine o'clock 2002
two weeks a short time three years
1st October Sunday I was eight
a few minutes about half an hour

since	for
April	ten days

*17 11.5 Complete the sentences with **since** or **for**. Then listen, check and repeat.

- ▶ I've known Ryan **for** three months.
- 1 Have you had that book _____ you were eight?
- 2 We've been here _____ five minutes.
- 3 She's worked there _____ ten years.
- 4 I haven't seen you _____ August.
- 5 He's been ill _____ a long time.
- 6 She's played tennis _____ 2009.
- 7 ~~They've been very happy~~ _____ ~~they got~~ married.
- 8 You've lost weight _____ last month.

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Write sentences from the prompts.

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- ▶ They / be married – 30 years
They've been married for 30 years.

- 1 I / know Lucy – 2008

- 2 You / grow – I last saw you

- 3 It / not rain – two years

- 4 We / live here – a long time

- 5 He / not shave – six months

- 6 Her English / improve – she moved to the UK

*15 11.4 Listen and tick the correct answer.

- ▶ a ☐ Since I was four.
- b ☒ Since I was ten.
- 1 a ☐ For five years.
- b ☐ For ten years.
- 2 a ☐ Since March.
- b ☐ Since April.
- 3 a ☐ For 30 minutes.
- b ☐ For 45 minutes.
- 4 a ☐ Since 2002.
- b ☐ Since 2007.
- 5 a ☐ Since half past two.
- b ☐ Since half past one.

