Exercises

19.1 Write **for** or **since**.

1 Helen has been in Ireland ...since... Monday.
2 Helen has been in Ireland ...for... three days.
3 My aunt has lived in Australia ..... 15 years.
4 Tina is in her office. She has been there ..... 7 o'clock.
5 India has been an independent country ..... 1947.
6 The bus is late. We've been waiting ..... 20 minutes.
7 Nobody lives in those houses. They have been empty ..... many years.
8 Michael has been ill ..... a long time. He has been in hospital ..... October.

19.2 Answer these questions. Use **ago**.

1 When was your last meal? ...Three hours ago.
2 When was the last time you were ill? .....
3 When did you last go to the cinema? .....
4 When was the last time you were in a car? .....
5 When was the last time you went on holiday? .....

19.3 Complete the sentences. Use **for** or **ago** with these words.

1 Helen arrived in Ireland ...three days ago. (three days)
2 Helen has been in Ireland ...for three days. (three days)
3 Lynn and Mark have been married ..... (20 years)
4 Lynn and Mark got married ..... (20 years)
5 Dan arrived ..... (an hour)
6 I bought these shoes ..... (a few days)
7 Silvia has been learning English ..... (six months)
8 Have you known Lisa ..... ? (a long time)

19.4 Complete the sentences with **for** or **since**.

1 (Helen is in Ireland – she arrived there three days ago)
...Helen has been in Ireland for three days.
2 (Jack is here – he arrived on Tuesday)
Jack has .....
3 (It's raining – it started an hour ago)
It's been .....
4 (I know Sue – I first met her in 2008)
I've .....
5 (Claire and Matt are married – they got married six months ago)
Claire and Matt have .....
6 (Laura is studying medicine at university – she started three years ago)
Laura has .....
7 (David plays the piano – he started when he was seven years old)
David has .....

19.5 Write sentences about yourself. Begin your sentences with:

I've lived ... **I've been ...** **I've been learning ...** **I've known ...** **I've had ...**

1 ...I've lived in this town for three years.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....

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