

Present Perfect with “For / Since”

I **have lived** in Canada **for** 3 years.

I **have lived** in Canada **since** 2012.

She **has studied** with me **for** 3 months.

She **has studied** with me **since** October.

Why do we use “For / Since” [FUNCTION]

- to measure time (usually with the present perfect sentences)
- to show how long the action (that is not finished) has happened

How do we use “For / Since” [FORM]

[Subject + have/has + past participle + for/since]

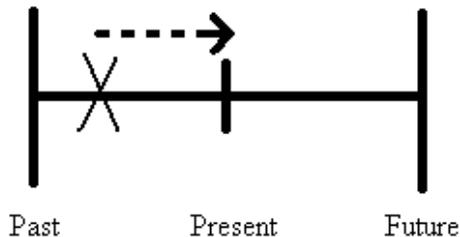
I + have + lived here + for + ten years.

He + has + worked there + for + three months.

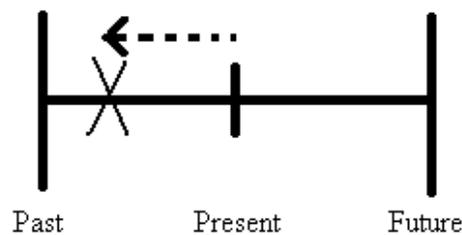
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Since



For



Quick Grammar Exercise

Put either for or since into the following sentences.

- [1] I have lived in LG Metro City Apartments since 2006.
- [2] He has been in my class _____ 2 years.
- [3] They have owned that restaurant _____ I was 10 years old.
- [4] We have played soccer on Sunday morning _____ June.
- [5] My brother has been stronger than me _____ 3 years.
- [6] She has been here _____ 8am this morning.
- [7] American soldiers have been in Korea _____ 1950.
- [8] Christmas has been celebrated _____ 700 years.

Change It

If the sentence uses "for" change it to "since" and finish the sentence.
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[1] I've lived in Busan **for** 6 years.

→ I've lived in Busan **since** 2009.

[2] He's played soccer **since** he was 5. (He is 15 years old now.)

→ He's played soccer **for** 10 years.

[3] They've lived in Canada **since** June.

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[4] We've played Minecraft **for** 3 hours today.

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[5] You've sat in that seat **since** Tuesday.

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[6] His mom has driven us to school every day **for** 3 days.

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[7] I've gone jogging every morning **since** March.

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[8] I have boiled this pasta **for** 20 minutes.

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[9] He hasn't seen his family **for** 10 years.

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[10] It has smelt bad in this room **for** one hour.

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[11] I haven't seen you **since** 2013.

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[12] We haven't played computer games **for** 2 weeks.

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Many Questions

Ask your partner some of the following questions. Make sure you answer using both "for" and "since" to communicate the same information with each.

- [1] How long have you lived in Busan?
→ I have lived in Busan for my whole life.
→ I've lived in Busan since 1998.
- [2] How long have you had your hairstyle?
- [3] How long have you swum for?
- [4] How long has your family had your car.
- [5] How long have we studied the lesson for?
- [6] How long has your brother/sister gone to their school?
- [7] How long has your dog/cat been with your family?
- [8] How long have you studied...
- [9] How long have you worn...
- [10] How long have you been...

Ask your classmates about their hobbies. Ask them how long they have done them. If you don't have any hobbies you can pretend that you have some.

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| -play candy crush | -paint pictures | -write stories |
| -grow plants(garden) | -build models | -write a diary |
| -play guitar/piano/etc. | -practice Tae-Kwon-Do | -dance ballet/jazz |
| -cook new foods | -take photos | -make a blog website |
| -try new restaurants | -surf the internet | -read comic books |
| -read novels | -use Facebook | -make jewelry |
| -volunteer your time | -collect coins/cards | -play X-box |

Example

- [A] How long have you painted pictures ?
[B] I have painted pictures for 10 years. My mom taught me when I was young.
- [A] How long have you had your You Tube Channel ?
[B] I have had my YouTube Channel since July. It just started to get popular.

What I Usually Use

Talk about the things that you usually use every day. Talk about how long you have used those things for by using the present perfect with for or since.

- [1] What kind of phone do you use? **I use an iPhone 5s.**
-How long have you had your phone? **I've had it since it 2013.**
- [2] How do you get to school/work?
-How long have you used that kind of transportation?
- [3] Are you single or in a relationship (boyfriend or girlfriend)?
-How long have you been together/single?
- [4] How do you get your exercise?
-How long have you been doing that?
- [5] What is your favorite app to chat with friends?
-How long have you used that app?
- [6] Ask about: Home/Shampoo/ Beauty Cream/Church/Academies/Vacations
Vitamins/Medicine/Computers/Email address/Toys/Video Games

A Great Introduction

Prepare an introduction for yourself. Make sure you use present perfect and "for/since" to help you.

[A] Talk about these things in your introduction.

- Your family
- Your pets
- Your school
- Your home
- Your hobbies
- Your skills

[B] With a partner give your introduction to each other.

- Remember what your partner tells you about themselves.
- Take some quick notes if you need to.

[C] Tell a the class about your partner.

- Introduce them to the class.
- Make sure you don't forget any information.

[Subject + have/has + past participle + for/since]

Homework

[1] Fill in the blanks in the sentences with either "for" or "since"

- [1] I haven't seen my uncle since last Christmas.
- [2] We have been in the same class _____ 2 years.
- [3] We have lived here _____ March of 2010.
- [4] He has been my teacher _____ May.
- [5] They have studied web design _____ 3 months.
- [6] Facebook has been popular _____ 5 years.
- [7] I have had my iPhone _____ February 14'th.
- [8] My city has had a subway system _____ 3 decades.
- [9] Humans have travelled in space _____ 1964.
- [10] That song has been #1 on the charts _____ 3 weeks.

[2] Fill in the blanks in the sentences with the correct verb in the Past Participle form.

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- [1] How long have you used your smart phone?
- [2] How long has your mom _____ that car?
- [3] How long has he _____ President of America?
- [4] How long have they _____ English at this school?
- [5] How long have you _____ Candy Crush Saga phone game?
- [6] How long has your little sister _____ her money for a new bike?
- [7] How long have you _____ me?
- [8] How long have you _____ your pet dog?
- [9] How long has he _____ Taekwondo (martial art)?
- [10] How long have we _____ together at this job?

Writing Assignment:

Write a paragraph explaining what your three favorite hobbies or free time activities are. Make sure you explain how long you have done them for, why you started, and why you like them so much.

PRESENTATION:

- [1] -Introduce the idea that we use the present perfect to talk about actions that start in the past and continue to today and will likely keep going into the future. (ex. I have been married...)
 -Also show that "for" and "since" both measure the length of time the action has happened. They both communicate the same information really but "since" starts with a past moment (since 2009) whereas "for" will count units of time backward from the present (for 6 years).
 -Review the units of time you can use with "for" (second, minute, year, day, week, month, year, decade, century, millennium)

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PRACTICE:

- [1] -have s/s in pairs or small groups using "Change It" activity.
 -s/s should speak first then write their answer, if examples uses for then change to since and if the example uses since then change to for.

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 [3] They've lived in Canada **since** June. → They've lived in Canada **for** ___ months.
 [4] We've played Minecraft **for** 3 hours today. → We've played Minecraft **since** a time.
 [5] You've sat in that seat **since** Tuesday. → You've sat in that seat **for** ___ days.
 [6] His mom has driven us to school every day **for** 3 days. → ... **since** weekday.
 [7] I've gone jogging every morning **since** March. → ... **for** ___ months.
 [8] I have boiled this pasta **for** 20 minutes. → ... **since** a time.
 [9] He hasn't seen his family **for** 10 years. → ... **since** 200#.
 [10] It has smelt bad in this room **for** one hour. → ... **since** a time.
 [11] I haven't seen you **since** 2013. → ... **for** ___ years.
 [12] We haven't played computer games **for** 2 weeks. → ... **since** a date.

PRODUCTION:

- [1] -have s/s in pairs or small groups using "Many Questions" activity.
 -one s/s asks a "How long have you...?" question and the other s/s answer using both for/since to get some practice understanding the different grammar of both.
 -after completing speaking for questions 1-10 s/s can make their own questions for each other using the prompts provided (or think of some of their own) and continue with the activity the same way.
- [2] -have s/s in pairs or small groups using "What I Usually Use" activity.
 -s/s take turns asking each other questions from 1-5 then they can use the categories listed in #6 to think about some questions of their own to ask each other & continue activity the same way.
- [3] -have s/s in pairs or small groups using "A Great Introduction" activity.
 -first students come up with a short introduction of themselves (about 10 sentences) including some present perfect with for/since to say how long have done some things.
 -s/s A speaks their introduction to s/s B (a partner) who records some notes while listening. They switch roles and repeat. Next they use their not and introduce each other to the class.
 -first they use (I have collected coins for 3 years.) then would change to (He has collected..) when they introduce that partner to the class.

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Writing Assignment:

-make sure they have a good topic sentence to begin the paragraph and use linking words within the text.