

Time Prepositions: for / since / before / after / during

A2 Elementary — English Grammar Worksheet

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Language Focus

Preposition	Use	Examples
for	a period/length of time	for two hours, for a week, for three years
since	a starting point in time	since 2020, since Monday, since I was young
before	earlier than something	before lunch, before the meeting
after	later than something	after work, after the film
during	at a point within an event	during the holiday, during the lesson

Reading / Listening Text

I've lived in this city since 2019. Before that, I lived in a small town for ten years. During the week, I work from nine to five. After work, I usually go for a walk. I always feel relaxed during the weekend. I usually call my parents before dinner.

Exercise 1: True or False

1. The person has lived in the city since 2019. True / False
2. The person lived in the small town for twenty years. True / False
3. The person works from nine to five during the week. True / False
4. The person goes for a walk before work. True / False
5. The person feels relaxed during the weekend. True / False
6. The person calls their parents after dinner. True / False

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

1. I waited at the station _____ two hours. (for since during)
2. She has worked here _____ 2018. (for since during)
3. We always have a coffee _____ the meeting starts. (before after during)
4. He felt sick _____ the flight. (before after during)
5. I usually go home _____ the lesson finishes. (before after during)
6. They've been married _____ ten years. (for since during)
7. I haven't seen him _____ last summer. (for since during)
8. Please turn off your phone _____ the film. (before after during)

Exercise 3: Matching

Match the preposition (1-5) to its meaning (a-e).

Preposition		Meaning
1. for	_____	a) earlier than something
2. since	_____	b) a length of time
3. before	_____	c) at a point within an event
4. after	_____	d) later than something
5. during	_____	e) a starting point in time

Exercise 4: Gap Fill

Complete the sentences with **for**, **since**, **before**, **after**, or **during**.

1. I've known her _____ we were children.
2. We stayed at the hotel _____ five nights.
3. Wash your hands _____ you eat.
4. I always feel hungry _____ I eat lunch.
5. Nobody spoke _____ the exam.
6. I haven't eaten anything _____ breakfast.

Exercise 5: Word Order

Put the words in the correct order.

1. here / since / I've / lived / 2019

2. two / for / we / waited / hours

3. before / always / she / showers / breakfast

4. the / happened / during / it / storm

5. work / after / I / tired / feel

Exercise 6: Sentence Transformation

Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Keep the meaning the same.

1. I had breakfast. Then I went to work.

Use: after

2. The film started. At that point, she fell asleep.

Use: during

3. I always drink a glass of water. Then I eat.

Use: before

4. I started learning English in 2022. I still learn English now.

Use: since

5. We were on holiday. The holiday lasted two weeks.

Use: for

6. She had a meeting. She didn't look at her phone at any point in the meeting.

Use: during

Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation

Complete the conversation with **for**, **since**, **before**, **after**, or **during**.

A: How long have you lived here?

B: I've lived here _____ (for/since/before) 2019.

A: Where did you live _____ (for/since/before) that?

B: I lived in Dublin _____ (for/since/before) ten years.

A: Do you like it here?

B: Yes, especially _____ (after/since/during) the summer.

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Exercise 1: True or False — Answers

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice — Answers

1. for
2. since
3. before
4. during
5. after
6. for
7. since
8. during

Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

1. for → a length of time
2. since → a starting point in time
3. before → earlier than something
4. after → later than something
5. during → at a point within an event

Exercise 4: Gap Fill — Answers

1. I've known her since we were children.
2. We stayed at the hotel for five nights.
3. Wash your hands before you eat.
4. I always feel hungry before I eat lunch.
5. Nobody spoke during the exam.
6. I haven't eaten anything since breakfast.

Exercise 5: Word Order — Answers

1. I've lived here since 2019.
2. We waited for two hours.
3. She always showers before breakfast.
4. It happened during the storm.
5. I feel tired after work.

Exercise 6: Sentence Transformation — Sample Answers

1. I went to work after breakfast.
2. She fell asleep during the film.
3. I always drink a glass of water before I eat. / I always drink a glass of water before eating.
4. I have been learning English since 2022.
5. We were on holiday for two weeks.
6. She didn't look at her phone during the meeting.

Exercise 7: Conversation — Answers

- A: How long have you lived here?
B: I've lived here since 2019.
A: Where did you live before that?
B: I lived in Dublin for ten years.
A: Do you like it here?
B: Yes, especially during the summer.