

Present Perfect — B1 Lesson 1

For / Since / How long · Life experience · Recent result · Just / Already / Yet

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■ Grammar Reference

New at B1: For and Since

Use **for** with a length of time: I have known him **for** ten years.

Use **since** with a point in time: She has lived here **since** 2018.

How long have you known him? — For ten years.

For (length of time)

for two days

for three weeks

for six months

for a long time

for ages

Since (point in time)

since Monday

since last week

since January

since 2020

since I was a child

| Verb | Past Participle | Verb | Past Participle |
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| know | known | live | lived |
| work | worked | study | studied |
| have | had | use | used |
| play | played | practise | practised |

Exercise 1 — True or False?

Read each sentence. Is it true or false? Circle True or False.

1. We use 'for' with a length of time, e.g. 'for three years'.

True False

2. We use 'since' with a point in time, e.g. 'since 2020'.

True False

3. 'I have known her since three years' is correct.

True False

4. 'How long have you lived here?' is a correct question.

True False

5. 'She has worked here for last March' is correct.

True False

6. The past participle of 'know' is 'known'.
True False
7. 'They have played in a band since they were teenagers' is correct.
True False
8. 'I have studied for two years ago' is correct.
True False

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answer. Circle a, b, or c.

- I have known her ___ ten years.
a) since b) for c) during
- She has lived here ___ 2019.
a) for b) during c) since
- ___ long have you studied English?
a) What b) How c) When
- He has worked at the company ___ a long time.
a) since b) for c) ago
- They have ___ this app since it launched.
a) use b) used c) using
- ___ have you had this phone? — For about two years.
a) How long b) When c) Since when
- She has practised the violin ___ she was six.
a) for b) since c) during
- We have ___ a dog for five years.
a) have b) had c) has

Exercise 3 — Gap Fill

Complete each sentence with the correct word or form.

- I have known him _____ we were at school together.
- She has lived in this city _____ fifteen years.
- _____ long has he worked here?
- They have played together _____ 2015.
- He has had that car _____ a very long time.
- She hasn't studied _____ the exams started. (negative + since)
- _____ have you used this software?
- We have had this tradition _____ generations.

Exercise 4 — Matching

Match each sentence beginning on the left with the correct ending on the right.

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| 1. I have known her | A) for about six months. |
| 2. She has lived here | B) studied English? |

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| 3. How long have you | C) for three years. |
| 4. He has worked at the university | D) since 2016. |
| 5. They have played in a band | E) for over ten years. |
| 6. She has practised yoga | F) since she was a child. |

Exercise 5 — Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. years / . / known / for / I / him / have / fifteen

2. lived / has / since / She / . / here / 2018

3. have / you / studied / long / ? / How / Spanish

4. for / He / a / . / long / has / there / time / worked

5. together / school / have / They / since / . / played

6. ? / has / she / had / long / laptop / this / How

7. for / We / this / software / used / have / two / years / .

8. since / day / practised / She / every / . / January / has

Exercise 6 — Error Correction

Each sentence has one mistake. Find it and write the correct sentence.

1. I have known her since ten years.

2. She has lived here for 2019.

3. How long have you know him?

4. He has worked here since a long time.

5. They have played together for they were young.

6. She has practised the piano since six months.

7. We used this system for two years.

8. How long has she live here?

Exercise 7 — Complete the Sentence

Complete each sentence using the present perfect. Use the verb in brackets.

1. ____ (you / know) her for a long time?

2. She ____ (live) in London since she was eighteen.

3. ____ long ____ (he / work) there?

4. They ____ (play) together since university.

5. I ____ (have) this laptop for three years.

6. ____ long ____ (she / study) French?

7. He ____ (use) the same phone since 2020.

8. We ____ (practise) this routine for weeks.

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Answers: 1 — E | 2 — F | 3 — B | 4 — C | 5 — D | 6 — A

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Answer: She has lived here since 2018.

3. have / you / studied / long / ? / How / Spanish

Answer: How long have you studied Spanish?

4. for / He / a / . / long / has / there / time / worked

Answer: He has worked there for a long time.

5. together / school / have / They / since / . / played

Answer: They have played together since school.

6. ? / has / she / had / long / laptop / this / How

Answer: How long has she had this laptop?

7. for / We / this / software / used / have / two / years / .

Answer: We have used this software for two years.

8. since / day / practised / She / every / . / January / has

Answer: She has practised every day since January.

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Answer: We have used this system for two years.

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Answer: How long has she lived here?

Exercise 7 — Complete the Sentence

Complete each sentence using the present perfect. Use the verb in brackets.

1. ___ (you / know) her for a long time?

Answer: Have you known her for a long time?

2. She ___ (live) in London since she was eighteen.

Answer: She has lived in London since she was eighteen.

3. ___ long ___ (he / work) there?

Answer: How long has he worked there?

4. They ___ (play) together since university.

Answer: They have played together since university.

5. I ___ (have) this laptop for three years.

Answer: I have had this laptop for three years.

6. ___ long ___ (she / study) French?

Answer: How long has she studied French?

7. He ___ (use) the same phone since 2020.

Answer: He has used the same phone since 2020.

8. We ___ (practise) this routine for weeks.

Answer: We have practised this routine for weeks.