

14 Present Perfect (3): for, since, How long?

Este tiempo se utiliza a menudo con expresiones de tiempo acompañadas por las preposiciones **for** y **since**:

<p>for (<i>desde hace</i>): introduce un período de tiempo</p> <p>past 1 2 3 4 5 6 → now for a year</p>	<p>I've lived near that family for a year. (He vivido/Vivo cerca de esa familia desde hace un año.)</p>
<p>since (<i>desde, desde que</i>): introduce un momento concreto</p> <p>past 2003 (2004) 2005 → now since 2004</p>	<p>I've lived near that family since 2004. (He vivido/vivo cerca de esa familia desde 2004.) NO: I live near that family since 2004. I've known them since I moved to Manchester. (Les conozco desde que me mudé a Manchester.) NO: I've known them since that I moved to Manchester.</p>

A menudo, estas expresiones son la respuesta a la pregunta **How long** (desde cuándo, cuánto tiempo hace que ...) + Present Perfect:

How long have you had that car? (¿Desde cuándo tienes ese coche?)

Oh, I've had it **for** a long time. (Lo tengo desde hace mucho tiempo.)

I've had it **since** May. (Lo tengo desde mayo.)

Ejercicios

A **since/for.** Completa estas frases con la preposición correcta.

- 0 She has worked as a secretary *since* 1991.
- 1 They have been married a few years.
- 2 They have lived in Manchester a long time.
- 3 He's written 5 books I met him.
- 4 We haven't seen them several weeks.
- 5 I haven't been to the beach last summer.
- 6 Have you used the phone you arrived?
- 7 We haven't heard any noise many hours.
- 8 Has she studied hard yesterday?

B Contesta a las preguntas utilizando la información entre paréntesis y la preposición **since/for**.

- 0 How long have you lived in Brazil? (10 years)
I've lived in Brazil for ten years.
- 1 How long has she had that job? (2001)
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2 How long has he attended this school? (two years)

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3 How long have you been friends? (last year)

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4 How long has she studied Maths? (she was at elementary school)

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5 How long have they worked in that factory? (six months)

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6 How long has he had that watch? (last week)

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7 How long has the washing machine been out of order? (many days)

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C Construye frases utilizando el Present Perfect acompañado de for o since.

0 (I/not/play/tennis/last summer.)

I haven't played tennis since last summer.

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1 (I/know/her/more than ten years.)

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2 (I/not/eat/anything/lunchtime.)

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3 (you/live/in this town/a long time?)

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4 (Jill/be/a good friend/we were at school together.)

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5 (you/see/Jack/the party last week?)

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D Traduce estas frases.

0 Estoy en casa desde hace tres horas.

I've been at home for three hours.

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1 No la vemos desde 1990.

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2 ¿Desde cuándo está Leila en tu colegio?

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3 No llueve desde abril.

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4 Son amigos desde que se conocieron en 1997.

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5 ¿Desde cuándo trabajas en esa agencia de viajes?

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