

EXERCISES

A) Write for or since.

1. It's been raining **since** lunchtime.
2. Sarah has lived in Paris **since** 1995.
3. Paul has lived in London **for** 10 years.
4. I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here for an hour.
5. Kevin has been looking for a job **since** he left school.
6. I haven't been to a party **for** ages.
7. I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him **since** last week.
8. Jane is away. She's been away **since** Friday.
9. The weather is dry. It hasn't rained **for** a few weeks.

B) Write questions with How long and when.

1. It's raining.
(how long?) **How long has it been raining?**
(When?) **When did it start raining?**
2. Kate is learning Japanese.
(how long / learn?) **How long has Kate been learning Japanese?**
(When / start?) **When did Kate start learning Japanese?**
3. I know Simon.
(how long / you / know?) **How long have you known Simon?**
(When / you / first / meet?) **When did you first meet Simon?**
When did you and Simon first meet ?
4. Rebecca and David are married.
(how long?) **How long have Rebecca and David been married?**
(When?) **When did Rebecca & David get married?**
When did they marry?

C) Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.

2. **Everybody has gone**
3. **I forgot**
4. **Mary went to Egypt**
5. **I had a headache**
6. **Our car has broken down**

D) Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.

1. (it / not / rain / this week)
It hasn't rained this week.
2. (the weather / be / cold / recently)
The weather has been cold recently.
3. (it / cold / last week)
It was cold last week.
4. (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday)
I didn't read a newspaper yesterday.
5. (I / not / read / a newspaper today)
I haven't read a newspaper today.

6. (Emily / earn / a lot of money / this year)
Emily has earned a lot of money this year.
7. (She / not / earn / so much / last year)
She didn't earn so much last year.
8. (You / have / a holiday recently?)
Have you had a holiday recently?

E) Put the verb into the correct form, Present Perfect or Past Simple.

1. I don't know where Lisa is. **Have you seen** (you / see) her?
2. When I **got** (get) home last night, I **was** (be) very tired and I **went** (go) straight to bed.
3. A: **Have you finished** (you / finish) painting the bedroom?
B: Not yet. I'll finish it tomorrow.
4. George **wasn't** (not / be) very well last week.
5. Mr Clark **worked** (work) in a bank for 15 years. Then he gave it up.
6. Molly lives in Dublin. She's/**has lived** (live) there all her life.
7. A: **Did you go** (you / go) to the cinema last night?
B: Yes, but it **was** (be) a mistake.
The film **was** (be) awful.
8. My grandfather **died** (die) before I was born. I **never met** (never / meet) him.
9. I don't know Carol's husband. I've/**have never met** (never / meet) him.
10. A: Is Martin here? B: No, he's **gone/has gone/ went** (go) out.
A: When exactly **did he go** (he / go) out? B: About 10 minutes ago.
11. A: Where do you live? B: In Boston.
A: How long **have you lived/been living** (you / live) there? B: for 5 years.
A: Where **did you live** (you / live) before that? B: In Chicago.
A: And how long **did you live** (you / live) in Chicago? B: 2 years.

F) Translate the following sentences.

1. Mon trajet jusqu'au travail a pris 3 heures ce matin.
My journey to work took 3 hours this morning.
2. J'ai déjà voyagé dans beaucoup de pays étrangers.
I have already travelled to/in many/lots of foreign countries.
3. C'est le meilleur film que j'aie jamais vu!
It's the best film/movie I've ever seen!
4. Combien de matchs ton équipe a-t-elle gagnés la saison passée ?
How many games/matches did your team win last season?
5. Depuis combien de temps apprends-tu le chinois?
How long have you been learning Chinese?
6. Quand as-tu commencé à apprendre le chinois?
When did you start learning/to learn Chinese?
7. J'ai écrit 2 lettres ce matin. (C'est toujours le matin)
I have written two letters this morning.
8. J'ai écrit 2 lettres ce matin. (C'est le soir)
I wrote two letters this morning.
9. Ben a une Volkswagen depuis 3 mois.
Ben has had a Volkswagen for 3 months.

10. Ben a acheté une Volkswagen il y a 3 mois.
Ben bought a Volkswagen 3 months ago.
11. Cathy vit à Londres depuis 1995.
Cathy has lived in London since 1995.
12. Cathy a emménagé à Londres en 1995.
Cathy moved in London in 1995.
13. Steve a commencé à jouer de la guitare il y a 2 ans.
Steve started playing/to play the guitar 2 years ago.
14. Steve joue de la guitare depuis 2 ans.
Steve has played the guitar for 2 years.
15. Il n'est jamais allé à l'étranger.
He has never been abroad.
16. Nous partons toujours en voyage en France en décembre pour acheter des cadeaux de Noël.
We always go on a day trip to France in December to buy Christmas presents.
17. Je suis allé au Japon l'année passée.
I went to Japan last year.
18. Depuis combien de temps travailles-tu comme professeur?
How long have you worked as a teacher?
19. Nous n'avons pas vécu à LLN pendant 2 ans mais pendant 6 mois.
We didn't live in LLN for 2 years but for 6 months.
20. Elle vient juste de nettoyer la maison.
She has just cleaned the house.
21. A-t-elle visité beaucoup de musées quand elle était à Paris?
Did she visit lots of museums when she was in Paris?
22. Combien de fois as-tu été amoureux?
How many times have you been in love?
23. Quand as-tu rencontré Marie pour la 1ère fois?
When did you first meet Mary?
24. Il vient juste de vendre sa maison.
He has just sold his house.
25. Je n'ai jamais été à un concert de rock.
I've never been to a rock concert.
26. Je n'ai pas vu Lisa hier.
I didn't see Lisa yesterday.
27. Dois-je payer l'addition? Non, je l'ai déjà payée !
Shall I pay the bill? No, I've already paid it!
28. Je n'ai pas encore acheté une nouvelle voiture mais je vais en acheter une le mois prochain.
I haven't bought a new car yet but I'm going to buy one next month.
29. Il ne sera pas long. Il est allé au bureau de poste.
He won't be long. He has gone to the post office.
30. Pourquoi Jim n'a pas voulu jouer au tennis vendredi passé?
Why didn't Jim want to play tennis last Friday?
31. Il a été malade 2 fois jusque maintenant cette année.
He has been ill twice so far this year.
32. Je n'ai pas encore mangé car je n'ai pas faim.
I haven't eaten yet because I'm not hungry.
33. Je la connais depuis hier.
I've known her since yesterday.
34. J'ai déjà lu le journal mais je n'ai pas encore déjeuné.
I've already read the newspaper but I haven't had breakfast.

G) Write short dialogues.

1. - A demande à B s'il/elle a déjà été en Grèce.
- B répond que oui.
- A demande plus de détails concernant ce voyage. (2 questions + 2 réponses, en variant les verbes)

A: Have you ever/already been to Greece?
B: Yes, I have.
A: When did you go there? I went to Greece/there 2 years ago.
Who did you go there with? I went to Greece/there with my family.
How long did you stay there? I stayed there for 2 weeks/I spent 2 weeks over there.
What did you do there? I did some sightseeing and I sunbathed on the beach.

2. - A demande à B depuis combien de temps il/elle connaît C.
- B lui répond.
- A demande plus de détails concernant leur rencontre. (2 questions + 2 réponses)

A: How long have you known C?
B: I've known her/him for 8 years/5months/... since April/1995.
A: Where did you first meet? I met her/him in a pub/a disco/at school.
B: Do you often see each other? Yes, we do. We see each other once a month.

3. - A demande à B s'il/elle a vu « ... » (film)
- B répond que oui.
- A demande ce qu'il en a pensé.
- B répond.

A: Have you seen Russell Crowe's latest movie?
B: Yes, I have.
A: What did you think of/about the movie? How was the movie?
B: It was very good/amazing/rubbish/not too bad!

4. - A demande à B depuis combien de temps il/elle apprend l'anglais.
- B lui répond.

A: How long have you been learning English?
B: I've been learning English for 2 years.

5. - A demande à B s'il a déjà rangé sa chambre. (*to tidy up*)
- B lui répond qu'il ne l'a pas encore fait, mais qu'il a déjà fait ses devoirs.

A: Have you already tidied your bedroom up?
B: I haven't tidied up my bedroom yet but I've already done my homework.

6. - A constate - et annonce à B - qu'il a perdu son portefeuille. (*a wallet*)
- B lui demande s'il y avait beaucoup d'argent dedans.

A: I've lost my wallet!
B: was there a lot of money in it/your wallet?/Did you have lots of money in it?