

# FOR/SINCE-PRESENT PERFECT

**FOR:** We use “for” with a period of time e.g. 3 hours, 2 years, ages, a long time, months, years. “For” means from the beginning of the period to the end of the period.

- + Mick and I have been friends for 20 years.
- + She hasn't been to the cinema for ages.
- + We have been married for about a year.

**SINCE:** We use “since” with a point in time e.g. 1 o'clock, last Monday, 1995, I finished high school, the beginning of this semester. ‘Since’ means from that point in time until now.

- + Bob and I have been friends since last May.
- + She hasn't fed her cat since this morning.
- + My parents have been married since 1990.



Fill in the blanks with “for” or “since”

1. Mr. Johnson has worked for this company \_\_\_\_\_ 1980. He is the sales manager.
2. Kate hasn't eaten anything \_\_\_\_\_ about six hours. She must be so hungry.
3. Peter has read eleven books \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend. He is the bookworm of the family.
4. Jason and Clara have been friends \_\_\_\_\_ more than 10 years. They get on very well.
5. I haven't seen my uncle, Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ a long time. I want to visit him soon.
6. They haven't come together \_\_\_\_\_ they graduated from the university.
7. Madison hasn't driven her car \_\_\_\_\_ she had that terrible accident five months ago.
8. We haven't seen Mr. Robinson \_\_\_\_\_ this morning. Has he left the school building?
9. Elizabeth hasn't telephoned me \_\_\_\_\_ she went on a two-week holiday last Saturday.
10. The singer has sung four songs \_\_\_\_\_ the concert began. You are not too late.
11. He isn't an experienced clerk. He has worked in this office \_\_\_\_\_ a short time.
12. Steven has grown vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ two decades. He knows much about farming.
13. I haven't been to my village \_\_\_\_\_ last spring. I want to spend some time there.
14. This factory has produced luxury cars and motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_ about a century.
15. I miss my friend Stephanie very much. We haven't seen each other \_\_\_\_\_ ages.

16. Ryan and Jeffrey haven't tidied their room \_\_\_\_\_ last week. It's in a terrible mess.
17. The girls have swum in the sea \_\_\_\_\_ about two hours. They must be exhausted.
18. Helen hasn't taken her car to the mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ she bought it last April.
19. People have cooked their meat \_\_\_\_\_ they discovered fire a million years ago.
20. I have read more than fifty pages \_\_\_\_\_ I borrowed this book from the library.
21. Little Walter has stayed in his grandma's house \_\_\_\_\_ exactly twenty-five days.
22. Mr. Hughes has written a few poems about old days \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend.
23. My grandpa has planted twelve pine trees \_\_\_\_\_ he came here yesterday.
24. Jesse and Doris have saved money \_\_\_\_\_ a year. They want to buy a newer car.
25. I haven't watched a nice film \_\_\_\_\_ nearly two years. Can you recommend me one?
26. Sara has collected more than ten thousand stamps \_\_\_\_\_ she was a little girl.
27. That man with the strange hat and jacket has stood there \_\_\_\_\_ a few minutes.
28. Today is Monday. So My mother has stayed in the hospital \_\_\_\_\_ about twelve days.
29. The builder has drunk six glasses of water \_\_\_\_\_ he started working this morning.
30. My aunt's newborn baby has slept \_\_\_\_\_ hours. She may wake up soon.
31. The students in our school have raised ten thousand dollars for the animal shelter \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of this year.

# ANSWER KEY

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