



## Presentation

You use the present perfect with *how long*, *for* and *since* to talk about an action or a situation that started in the past and continues in the present.

*He's worked here for over fifty-five years.* (He started working here fifty-five years ago – he still works here.)

*I haven't played tennis since I left school.*

*How long have you known Steve?*

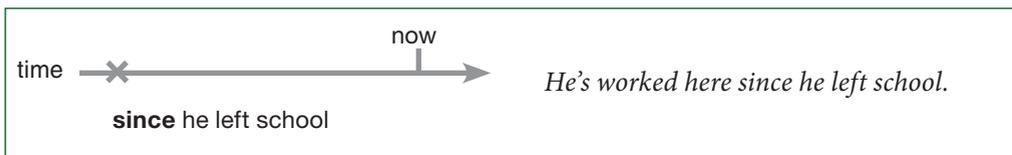
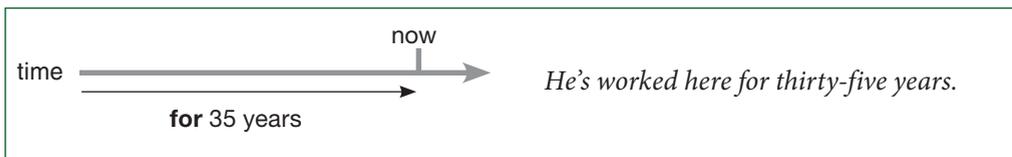
You do not use the present simple. (don't say *He works here for over fifty-five years.*)

### **for** and **since**

You use *for* to talk about a **period of time**:

*He's worked here for fifty-five years / a long time.*

You use *since* with **the point in time when the action started**:



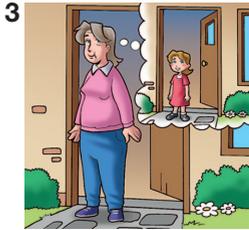
**TIP** You use the past simple in time expressions with *since*:

*He's worked for his father since he left school.*

*I've made a lot of friends since I moved here.*

*I've known Jim since I was a child.*

**1 Look at the pictures and write sentences using the present perfect of the verbs in brackets and time expressions with *for* or *since*.**



- 1 He ..... (be) here ..... fifteen years.
- 2 She ..... (not play) tennis ..... four years.
- 3 I ..... (live) here ..... child.
- 4 They ..... (have) the same car ..... a very long time.
- 5 They ..... (know) each other ..... at university.
- 6 We ..... (not see) John ..... weeks and weeks.

**2 Correct the mistake in each sentence.**

- 1 I haven't heard from Tom ~~for~~ the day of your birthday party. since
- 2 We work really hard on this project for the last six months. ....
- 3 Dave hasn't been very happy since the last few days. Has anything happened between you two? .....
- 4 They're living in the same house for as long as I can remember. ....
- 5 She's had a bad back for the baby was born. ....
- 6 I've always been interested in music, ever since I've been a small child. ....
- 7 He doesn't speak to his mother since he left home. ....
- 8 I've waited since a long time for this opportunity. ....

**3 Complete the questions using *you* and the verbs in brackets and then answer them. Give two answers each time, one with *for* and one with *since*.**

- 1 How long have you lived ..... (live) in your present home?  
For ..... Since .....
- 2 How long ..... (know) your best friend?  
For ..... Since .....
- 3 How long ..... (study) English?  
For ..... Since .....
- 4 How long ..... (have) this grammar book?  
For ..... Since .....