



For and Since — A2 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. I've lived in this city ____ ten years.
A) since B) for C) during D) from
2. She's been ill ____ Monday.
A) for B) since C) during D) from
3. We've known each other ____ we were at school.
A) for B) during C) since D) from
4. He hasn't eaten anything ____ breakfast.
A) for B) since C) during D) already
5. They've been married ____ nearly thirty years.
A) since B) for C) during D) from
6. How long ____ you had that car?
A) did B) do C) have D) are
7. I've worked here ____ 2020.
A) for B) since C) during D) in
8. We haven't seen them ____ ages.
A) since B) for C) during D) from
9. Which sentence means the person still lives there?
A) He lived in Baku for five years. B) He has lived in Baku for five years.
C) He was living in Baku. D) He lived in Baku since 2019.
10. She's been waiting ____ two o'clock.
A) for B) since C) during D) at

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. I've had this laptop _____ about four years.
2. She's been in hospital _____ Thursday.
3. They've lived in that village _____ 1998.

4. We haven't been to the cinema _____ months.
5. He's known her _____ they were children.
6. _____ long have you been waiting?
7. The heating hasn't worked _____ last winter.
8. I've been awake _____ five o'clock this morning.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. lived / for / years. / five / here / I / have

Give the length of time at your current address.

2. She / Sunday. / has / ill / since / been

Give the day an illness started.

3. for / We / them / known / have / ages.

Describe a very long acquaintance.

4. since / eaten / He / hasn't / morning. / this

Report a long gap without food.

5. have / there? / you / worked / long / How

Ask about somebody's length of service.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) for** — Ten years is a length of time, so it takes for.
2. **B) since** — Monday is a starting point, so it takes since.
3. **C) since** — Since can be followed by a whole clause naming when something began.
4. **B) since** — Breakfast names the moment the period started.
5. **B) for** — Thirty years is a duration, so for is correct.
6. **C) have** — A how long question about a continuing situation takes the present perfect.
7. **B) since** — 2020 is a point in time, so it takes since.
8. **B) for** — Ages is treated as a length of time, so it takes for.
9. **B) He has lived in Baku for five years.** — The present perfect keeps the situation open into the present.
10. **B) since** — Two o'clock names the moment the waiting began.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **for** — Four years is a length of time.
2. **since** — Thursday is the point when the period began.
3. **since** — A year names the starting point of the situation.
4. **for** — Months without a start date is a duration.
5. **since** — Since can be followed by a clause naming when it began.
6. **How** — How long asks for a duration.
7. **since** — Last winter is a point in the past.
8. **since** — Five o'clock names the moment the period started.

C. Sentence building

1. **I have lived here for five years.**
2. **She has been ill since Sunday.**
3. **We have known them for ages.**
4. **He hasn't eaten since this morning.**
5. **How long have you worked there?**