

PRESENT PERFECT + FOR / SINCE

We can use the Present Perfect with FOR and SINCE, to talk about situations or actions in a period of time from the past until now. We use **FOR** with a period of time (e.g. three months), and **SINCE** with a specific point in time (e.g. Tuesday)

1) List the time expressions under the two headings:

Three days / a year / July / six months / last Wednesday / days and days / 1989 / he was a child / May 25th / four weeks / I started school / I was born / a short time

FOR	SINCE

2) Complete the blanks with the Present Perfect of the verbs in brackets and circle the correct option.

- I _____ (build) six model cars FOR / SINCE last Christmas.
- _____ you _____ (see) Mary and Tom FOR / SINCE Tuesday, Alan ?
- Mandy _____ (not play) the violin FOR / SINCE two weeks.
- My father _____ (have) his butterfly collection FOR / SINCE last June.
- We _____ (be) members of this club FOR / SINCE 1998.
- Sam _____ (not buy) any new video games FOR / SINCE three months.

PAST SIMPLE vs PRESENT PERFECT

Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Present Perfect of the verbs in brackets.

- _____ you ever _____ (live) on a farm ?
- Harold _____ (leave) his glasses at my house last night.
- _____ Laura _____ (go) to the theatre last week ?
- Sue _____ just _____ (arrive) from America.
- Karen _____ (get) a new dress yesterday, but she _____ (not wear) it yet.
- Betty _____ (visit) the Tower of London last week.
- I _____ never _____ (see) a skyscraper.