

Activity Type

Grammar Exercise and Game: categorizing, matching

Focus

For and *since* time words and expressions

Aim

To practice time words and expressions that go with *for* and *since*.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student. Also, make one copy of the *for* and *since* cards for every five students and cut as indicated.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This imaginative *for* or *since* worksheet and game helps to teach students how to use *for* and *since* with time words and expressions.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Go through the rules for using *for* and *since* with time words and expressions.

Students then put the time words and expressions into the correct column. When the students have finished, go through the correct answers.

Answer key

For

a day
 a week
 a few minutes
 ages
 a decade
 24 hours
 25 years
 a couple of weeks

a century
 ten minutes
 a long time
 30 seconds
 three months
 an hour
 a moment

Since

last night
 10:30
 July 10th
 I was 21
 last summer
 I left school
 lunchtime
 the Second World War

this morning
 Friday night
 six o'clock
 Spring
 yesterday
 1973
 Christmas

Next, give each student one set of *for* and *since* cards. Ask all the students to stand up.

Explain to the students that you are going to call out various time words and expressions. After each expression or word has been called out, students hold up the correct *for* or *since* card.

If a student holds up the wrong card or is too slow, they are out of the game and must sit down. Before a student sits down, they make a present perfect *for* or *since* sentence with the time word or expression they got wrong. The last student left standing wins the game.

Before you begin the game, prepare a list of time words and expressions.

Examples: last weekend, ten seconds, Christmas Eve, I finished school, a couple of days, my birthday, a long time, five centuries, the 70s, I was a boy, August, last month, 15 years, the accident, then, we bought this house, last month, a millennium, I met you, the day before yesterday, quite a while, midnight, years, Easter, a few seconds, a while, last spring, 2015, two hours, last night, Monday morning, a lifetime

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

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