

## Activity Type

Grammar and Reading Exercises: sentence completion, writing questions and sentences from prompts

## Focus

Present perfect *for* and *since*

## Aim

To practice the present perfect with *for* and *since*.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this present perfect with *for* and *since* worksheet, students read about people who live on a street and complete exercises about them to practice the present perfect with *for* and *since*.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by reading about the people who live in the houses on Oak Avenue.

Students then complete sentences about the people using verbs in the present perfect and *for* or *since*.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. have lived / since 2008 / for 12 years
2. has driven / since 2016 / for four years
3. have been married since 2007 / for 13 years
4. hasn't had / since last year / for one year
5. hasn't worked / since 2015 / for five years
6. hasn't smoked / since 2018 / for two years

Next, students write present perfect *How long...?* questions for a set of answers about the people.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. How long has Allison taught English at Central High School?
2. How long has Cameron played the guitar?
3. How long has Charles watched French movies with his wife?
4. How long has Heather been an artist?







Finally, students write about what the residents of Oak Avenue have in common by making sentences with *for* or *since*.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. They have lived on Oak Avenue since 2008 / for 12 years.
2. Haley and Sean haven't been to Spain since 2014 / for six years.
3. Mark and Erin have driven to work five days a week since 2016 / for four years.
4. Louise and Sara have spoken French since they were children.
5. Alison and Cameron have been going to the gym twice a week since 2018 / for 2 years.
6. Christina and Heather have painted pictures since 2007 / for 13 years.

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

The year is 2020. Read about the people who live in the houses on Oak Avenue. Then, complete the exercises about them on the next page.

<p><b>15 Oak Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen and Christina moved to this street in 2008.</li> <li>• Their daughter, Louise, started learning both English and French as soon as she could talk.</li> <li>• Christina started painting pictures in her free time a year before they moved here.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>26 Oak Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison started teaching English at Central High School in 2011.</li> <li>• Haley was in Spain for a month six years ago.</li> <li>• Allison started going to the gym twice a week right after she quit smoking two years ago.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>39 Oak Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sara and Charles got married in 2007 and moved to this street the following year.</li> <li>• Sara started learning both French and English as a child.</li> <li>• Charles started watching French movies with his wife every week when they got married.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>50 Oak Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cameron started playing the guitar when he was nine. He is now 29 years old.</li> <li>• Mark started his job four years ago. He drives to work five days a week. It takes him an hour to get to work.</li> <li>• Cameron started going to the gym in 2018. He goes twice a week.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>61 Oak Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heather and Sean got married in 2007.</li> <li>• Heather is an artist. She paints pictures. She became an artist the same year she got married.</li> <li>• Sean worked in Spain for three months in 2014.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>72 Oak Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrick works two jobs. His last day off was a year ago.</li> <li>• Erin lost her job as a factory supervisor in 2015.</li> <li>• In 2016, Erin started her new job. She drives to work five days a week. It takes her 30 minutes to get to work.</li> </ul>	

**A. Complete each sentence with a verb in the present perfect and *for* or *since*.**

1. Sara and Charles ..... on Oak Avenue .....
2. Mark ..... to work five days a week .....
3. Heather and Sean .....
4. Patrick ..... a day off .....
5. Erin ..... as a factory supervisor .....
6. Allison ..... a cigarette .....

**B. Write present perfect *How long...?* questions for the answers.**

1. Q: How long .....  
A: Allison has taught English at Central High School since 2011.
2. Q: How long .....  
A: Cameron has played the guitar for 20 years.
3. Q: How long .....  
A: Charles has watched French movies with his wife since they got married.
4. Q: How long .....  
A: Heather has been an artist for 13 years.

**C. What do the residents have in common? Write sentences using *for* or *since*.**

1. Stephen and Christina (15) and Sara and Charles (39)  
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2. Haley (26) and Sean (61)  
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3. Mark (50) and Erin (72)  
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4. Louise (15) and Sara (39)  
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5. Alison (26) and Cameron (50)  
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6. Christina (15) and Heather (61)  
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