

GRAMMAR

PRESENT PERFECT + FOR/SINCE

3 A Read sentences a) and b) and answer questions 1–4 below.

- a) I've done paddle boarding *since* 2014.
b) He's lived in Asia *for* five years.

- When did the speaker in a) start paddle boarding?
- Is she still paddle boarding now?
- When did the person in b) move to Asia?
- Does he still live in Asia?

B Underline the correct alternative to complete the rules.

RULES

- Use the present perfect to look back at something that started in the past and *finished/continues now*.
- Use *for/since* to talk about a period of time (how long) and use *for/since* to talk about a point in time (when something started).

C Complete the table with the phrases in the box.

2005 ages July a long time Saturday
I left university two weeks/months/years 2p.m.
last night an hour or two
I was a child/teenager


for	since
ages	2005

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4 A Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets and adding *for/since* as appropriate.

- I _____ (do) karate _____ I was a child.
- I _____ (have) this phone _____ two months.
- I _____ (know) Marcia _____ I was at school.
- We _____ (live) in this town/city _____ ten years.
- I _____ (want) to buy a new car _____ a long time.

B Change two or three of the sentences so they are true for you. Compare your sentences with a partner.

5 A  **6.1** Listen to the questions and write short answers with *for* and *since*. Don't write the questions.

- by the sea
- for five years/since 2005

SPEAKING

7 A Write questions for each topic beginning *Do you ...?* and *How long have you ...?*

home

Do you ...?
live in the city centre?

How long have you ...?
lived there?

hobbies/sport

Do you ...?

How long have you ...?

things you have (possessions)

Do you ...?

How long have you ...?

work/study/school

Do you ...?

How long have you ...?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer the questions. Try to find out more information.

A: *Do you have a car?*

B: *Yes, I do.*

A: *How long have you had it?*

B: *It's very old. I've had it for about ten years.*