

FUMC ESL 8-17-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is something you have not done for a long time?

Using For and Since

We use for with a **period** of time. EX: I lived in England for two years. I cook the eggs for about ten minutes.

Since is used to refer to a **point** in time. EX: I have lived in England since 2019.

You can use for and since with the same verb tenses.

I have lived here for two years.

I have lived here since 2018.

For can be used with all verb tenses.

present tense: They study for two hours every day.

past tense: They studied for two hours last night.

future tense: They will study for two hours tonight.

present continuous: They are studying for two hours today.

present perfect: They have studied for two hours.

past perfect: They had studied for two hours.

present perfect continuous: They have been studying for two hours.

past perfect continuous: They had been studying for two hours when the electricity went off.

Since is normally used with perfect tenses.

present perfect: He has worked here since nine o'clock.

past perfect: He had worked there for hours.

present perfect continuous: He has been working since noon.

past perfect continuous: He had been working since noon.

Exercise: Choose FOR or SINCE

1. We've been waiting _____ four o'clock.
2. We've been waiting _____ twenty minutes.
3. They have been learning English _____ six years.
4. She has been learning English _____ 2018.
5. We haven't been on vacation _____ last May.
6. We haven't been on vacation _____ a long time.

Of course, we use for in many other ways besides talking about time. Read these short conversations.

Donna: Cut an extra piece of cake. I will put it away.

Sara: What for?

Donna: I want to save a piece of cake for Noah.

Sara: That's a good idea. Noah left a message for you saying he would be home by tonight.

Who is Donna saving cake for?

Who did Noah leave a message for?

Tara: The Wilsons put their house up for sale. I wonder why they are moving.

Kim: Jim Wilson looked for a new job. He was hired by a company in Dallas. So they are moving. He will work for Exxon in Dallas.

Who put their house up for sale?

Who will Jim Wilson work for?

Alice: The award for best salesman goes to Alan Jones. He will receive a check for \$1,000.

Julia: I've known Alan for a long time. He deserved the award.

What was the award for?

How much will the check be for?

Beth: The plan was for us to hike to the top of the mountain. We walked for miles, but didn't reach the top. We got so hot, we had to turn back.

Kate: I understand. It's really hot right now. It's unusual for it to be this hot in September. You should try again when it is cooler.

Beth: Yes, we will. But for now we'll hike shorter distances. It's just too hot to hike for long.

Kate: It's good that you tried. If it weren't for the hot weather, you would have succeeded.

What is unusual?

They would have succeeded if it were not for _____.

Exercise: Choose FROM, SINCE or UNTIL

1. My eyes are tired from looking at these small stitches. I will put my sewing away _____ tomorrow.
2. We lived in China _____ 2010 to 2011.
3. She stayed there _____ a year, then moved back home.
4. Hold on to the rope _____ I tell you to let go.
5. We'll stop here _____ Dad is tired of driving.
6. He's lived here _____ 2004.
7. We've been married _____ five years now.
8. I stayed up _____ three in the morning.
9. It has rained every day _____ we arrived.
10. I'll be gone _____ three days. Can you feed my cat?
11. My car has been repaired three times _____ Christmas.
12. I've been driving this same car _____ years.
13. The missing man hasn't been seen _____ a month.
14. They have been engaged _____ January.
15. The orchestra will play _____ 7 PM _____ 8PM.

More Stories Plus Lesson 1 Expecting a Baby

Laura and Daniel are married. They are expecting a baby this spring. This is their first baby, and they are very excited. Today their family and friends are giving them a baby shower. Laura and Daniel receive many things for the baby: a crib, a high chair, a playpen, a baby swing, a car seat and a stroller. They also receive a lot of clothes and toys. Laura and Daniel thank all of the

guests. They appreciate the generous gifts very much. Now they have everything they need for their baby.

After the shower, Daniel and Laura take the baby gifts back to their one-bedroom apartment. It is very crowded. Daniel puts the boxes on the floor. There is no room to walk. Laura puts the clothes and toys on the sofa. There is no room to sit.

"We need to move to a larger apartment," says Daniel.

"Yes," says Laura. "Babies are small, but their things are very big."

"Let's buy a newspaper," says Daniel. "I want to look for a two-bedroom apartment."

"OK," says Laura. "But let's read the newspaper at the coffee shop. There is no room to read here."

1. What is a baby shower?
2. Did you have a baby shower for your children?
3. Are baby showers the custom in your country?
4. When are Laura and Daniel expecting a baby?
5. Are they worried about the baby?
6. What do they receive at the baby shower?
7. How many bedrooms does their apartment have?
8. How many bedrooms do they need?
9. Why does Laura want to go to the coffee shop?
10. Did your baby sleep in the room with you and your husband?
11. When should a baby have it's own room?
12. Did you pass down your baby things after you didn't need them?

Discuss:

a---In America, when women get pregnant, we say they are "expecting." It is common for strangers to ask, "Are you expecting." OR "When is your baby due?" That means when will the baby be born. Is it OK to ask a woman you don't know when her baby is due?

b---When I was pregnant, my relatives sometimes patted my belly. Do you think this is OK? Would you mind if someone patted your pregnant belly?

c---Are home births common in your country?

d---What role should the father have during childbirth?