

We use "for" and "since" to say how long: Jane is in New York. She has been there **for** three days. She has been there **since** Monday.

We use "for" plus a period of time. EX: for three days, for ten minutes, for an hour, for a long time

We use "since" for the start of a period. EX: since Monday, since 9 o'clock, since Christmas, since January, since I was ten years old.

Fill in the blanks below with FOR or SINCE.

1. Rick has been in Canada \_\_\_\_\_ six weeks.
2. We've been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ two hours.
3. Della has been in New York \_\_\_\_\_ January.
4. We've been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ two-thirty.
5. I've lived here \_\_\_\_\_ I was little.
6. I've lived in Austin \_\_\_\_\_ two months.
7. Jeff waited \_\_\_\_\_ three hours. Then he left.
8. I haven't eaten anything \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast.
9. My husband has been gone \_\_\_\_\_ a week.
10. My aunt lived in Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ five years.

We use "ago" to mean before now. EX: I started this job three weeks ago. I had dinner an hour ago. Tom went out a few minutes ago. Sara arrived here six months ago.

Fill in the blanks with FOR, SINCE or AGO

1. Joe has been a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ six years.
2. Jan retired five years \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I have been a nurse \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
4. I graduated nine years \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jane arrived a week \_\_\_\_\_.
6. She will stay \_\_\_\_\_ one more week.
7. Lynn and Mark have been married \_\_\_\_\_ 2004.
8. They have been married \_\_\_\_\_ fifteen years.

Write one sentence using for, one using since and one using ago. When the teacher calls on you, write your sentence on the board.

FOR 1. \_\_\_\_\_

SINCE 2. \_\_\_\_\_

AGO 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Verb Tenses:** Practice using present tense, past tense and present continuous tense. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form. The verb is given to you at the beginning of the sentence. Do a couple of these with the teacher, than finish up by yourself or with a partner. Remember, when you are using present continuous tense, you must add the helping verb-is, am are.

EX: (dig) The dog is digging a hole in the back yard.

1. (not, watch) You can turn off the TV. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ it.
2. (fall) Jenny always \_\_\_\_\_ asleep early.
3. (fall) She \_\_\_\_\_ asleep last night in front of the TV.
4. (read) Where is Jenny now? She \_\_\_\_\_ a book in bed.
5. (give) Do you have my key? No, I \_\_\_\_\_ it back to you.
6. (give) We \_\_\_\_\_ on Christmas morning.
7. (go) They \_\_\_\_\_ to the concert last night.
8. (get) They \_\_\_\_\_ home really late.
9. (break) I was gardening yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ several fingernails.
10. (look) What are you doing? I \_\_\_\_\_ for my sunglasses.
11. (find) I \_\_\_\_\_ your glasses under the couch.
12. (speak) Tom \_\_\_\_\_ three languages. He even speaks Mandarin.
13. (speak) Joe \_\_\_\_\_ to Tom about your homework. He said he would help you.
14. (go) Mary seldom \_\_\_\_\_ to class on Saturday.
15. ((begin) Dan \_\_\_\_\_ his English last week.

**Read both statements in the row. Tell which statement you agree with more.**

I like to be outside when it is really cold. I feel full of energy.	I like to stay inside when it is cold. I like to curl up by the fire.
In a crowd, I am shy. I don't introduce myself to anyone.	In a crowd, I like to introduce myself and meet new people.
I open my email account several times a day.	I don't often check emails.
I am very curious and ask people lots of questions when we meet.	I don't feel comfortable asking people questions. I don't want to be nosy.
I like to make plans and stick with the plan. I don't like it when I have to change at the last minute.	I am very flexible. It doesn't bother me to change plans at the last minute.
I could pack and be ready to go on a trip with only a few minutes notice.	It takes me a long time to pack for a trip. I take my time with the packing.

I prefer to sleep under the stars or in a tent. I love hearing the animal noises at night.

I prefer to sleep in a hotel room with a nice, soft bed and a nice bathroom where I can enjoy a hot shower.

1. Explain what "curl up by the fire" means.
2. Explain the phrase "take my time".
3. Explain the phrase "stick with the plan"
4. Where do you sleep if you "sleep under the stars"?

**Study these phrases. Explain what they mean. Choose a phrase and make a sentence.**

wake up	get up	take a shower	take a bath	wash your face	eat breakfast
brush your teeth	make your lunch	take the kids to school	go to work	go to the store	leave work

In English, we use a different verb for he, she or it. EX: I go to the store, and he goes to the store.

Fill in the blank with the correct verb.

1. I have a car. She \_\_\_\_\_ a car.
2. You miss Mother. He \_\_\_\_\_ Mother.
3. I try hard. She \_\_\_\_\_ hard.
4. We do exercises at the gym. My teacher \_\_\_\_\_ exercises at the gym.
5. I carry my purse with me when I go shopping. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ her purse, too.
6. I go to class every day. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ once a week.
7. I wish I had a car. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ she had a car.
8. I take my lunch to work. She \_\_\_\_\_ her lunch to work, too.