

Navigate Pre-intermediate B1  
Week 11 – Unit 12  
Work

- ▶ present perfect simple with for and since

# example sentences from the video

- ▶ For how long have you been working for the Language Centre?
- ▶ I've been working here for eight years.      for ...
- ▶ I've been teaching her since 2009.      since ...
  
- ▶ I have worked here for my whole life.
- ▶ I have known her since we were children.
- ▶ I have been a teacher since 2003.
- ▶ She has liked music for as long as she can remember.
- ▶ I haven't seen her for a really long time.
- ▶ I have lived in Prague since I started teaching.

# present perfect SIMPLE with FOR and SINCE

**8a** Look at the sentences from the listening and answer the questions below.

a I've been a newspaper journalist since 2001.

b I've worked in this office for five years.

1 When did the man become a newspaper journalist?

2 Is he a journalist now?

3 When did he start working in this office?

4 Does he work in this office now?

Source: Krantz, C., Norton, J. *Navigate B1 Pre-intermediate – Coursebook*.

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## GRAMMAR FOCUS present perfect simple with *for* and *since*

- We use the present perfect simple with *for* and *since* to talk about present situations that started in the past and **<sup>1</sup> finished in the past / continue now**.

*I've had this job since 2012.* NOT ~~*I have this job since 2012.*~~  
*She's been my boss for two years.*

- We use **<sup>2</sup> for / since** when we give the beginning of the time, e.g. *2011, yesterday, I was a child.*
- We use **<sup>3</sup> for / since** when we give the length of time, e.g. *three months, two years.*

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# present perfect SIMPLE with FOR and SINCE practice

9 Do the phrases below go with *for* or *since*? Write *for* or *since* before each phrase.

_____ three o'clock	_____ a couple of days
_____ an hour	_____ many years
_____ ages	_____ I left school
_____ a long time	_____ last year
_____ we arrived here	_____ Monday

Source: Krantz, C., Norton, J. *Navigate B1 Pre-intermediate – Coursebook*.

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10 Complete the web postings with *for* and *since* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets (present simple, present perfect simple or past simple).

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## Open-plan offices – love them or hate them?

Posted by Vanya: I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at this company <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ eleven years and I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (have) my own office <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ last May. Before that I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in open-plan offices but always wanted a private office. Now I have one and I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) lonely and bored all day!

Posted by Loz: Phones ringing. Emails pinging. Colleagues shouting. It's a nightmare! I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) able to work properly <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my company decided to put us all together in one big office. The company has saved lots of money, though ...

Posted by Yoshi: Open-plan offices <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) unhealthy places. When I worked in an open-plan office I constantly <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ill. I now have my own office and I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) a cold <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ages.

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## summary

### GR12.1 )))

	Subject	have/has	Past participle	for/since
+	Ford	has	made	cars <b>for</b> 110 years.
-	I	haven't	worked	<b>since</b> my accident.

We form the present perfect simple with *has* or *have* and the past participle of the verb.

The past participle of a verb is often the same as the past simple form and usually ends *-ed* (*work* → *worked*). But remember that some verbs are irregular (*make* → *made*) and their forms are usually different from the past simple forms.

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We use the present perfect to talk about present situations that started in the past and continue now.

We use *for* and *since* with the present perfect when we want to say when the situation started or how much time it has continued for.

- We use *since* when we give the beginning of the time, e.g. *2011, yesterday, I was a child*. The beginning of the time can be a date, a day/month/year/clock time, or an event (such as a memorable occasion).

***I've been here since 8 a.m.***

- We use *for* when we give the length of time, e.g. *three months, two years*.

***These offices have been here for many years.***

- We often use the past simple after *since*.

***I've had this desk since I started working here.***

- We use the question form *How long* when we want to know how long a situation has continued for.

***How long has Gill been your manager?***