

1 GRAMMAR present perfect + for and since

a Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 A Is Laura still frightened of flying?
B Yes, she hasn't been (not be) on a plane for about ten years.
- 2 A Do you like snakes?
B No, I _____ (have) a phobia of them since I was a child.
- 3 A How long _____ (you / live) in Miami?
B We've been here since 2005.
- 4 A Does your sister work at the local school?
B Yes, she _____ (work) there since she graduated from college.
- 5 A How's John these days?
B I don't know. I _____ (not hear) from him since he moved to Washington, D.C.
- 6 A Is that a new coat?
B No, I _____ (have) it for years.

b Rewrite the sentences and correct the mistakes in the **bold** phrases.

- 1 How long **do you have** your dog?
How long have you had your dog?
- 2 **Valeria hates spiders** since she was a child.

- 3 **How much time** has your brother been an actor?
_____?
- 4 **We're married** for ten years, and we're very happy.

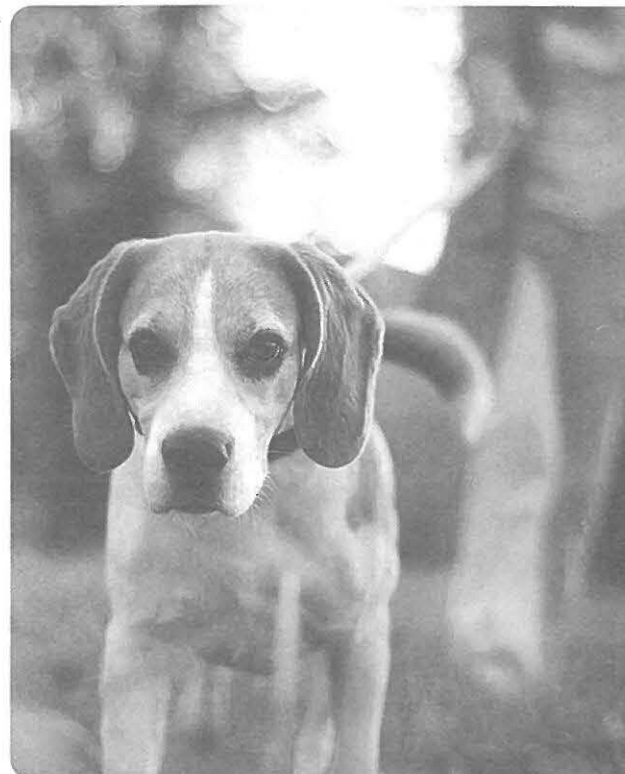
- 5 My cousin's been in the US **for February**.

- 6 He's had the same job **since eight years**.

- 7 I've had this bike **since a long time**.

c Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in parentheses and **for** or **since**. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 Juliet and I were in the same class at school. We 've known each other for (know each other) 20 years.
- 2 This is our new dog. We _____ (only have him) October.
- 3 The yard is very dry. It _____ (not rain) weeks.
- 4 I think Dan and Jin will get married soon. They _____ (be together) three years now.
- 5 Christina is very excited about going to Morocco. She _____ (not be on vacation) a long time.
- 6 I don't ever want to leave Seattle. I _____ (live here) I was five.
- 7 I'm really hungry. I _____ (not eat anything) breakfast.
- 8 He _____ (play in the band) two years.



2 VOCABULARY phrases with *for* and *since*

a Circle the correct words.

- I've been afraid of snakes since I am / **was** a child.
- I haven't seen Amy for age / ages.
- We've known Suki for a long time / long time.
- I'm worried about our cat. It hasn't been home since the weekend / a week.
- I saw Jacob on Friday, but I haven't spoken to him since then / after.

b Use today's time and date to rewrite the bold phrases with *for* or *since*.

- José hasn't been to school **since Christmas**.
José hasn't been to school for _____.
- Peter hasn't visited his sister **for ten years**.
Peter hasn't visited his sister since _____.
- I haven't watched TV **for three days**.
I haven't watched TV since _____.
- Omar's been abroad **since last Monday**.
Omar's been abroad for _____.
- They've been at the airport **since eight o'clock**.
They've been at the airport for _____.
- I went to Paris **three years ago**.
I haven't been to Paris since _____.

c Write questions with *How long* and the present perfect.

- you / have / your phone
How long have you had your phone? _____?
- you / know your best friend? _____?
- you / have your computer or tablet? _____?
- you / live where you live now? _____?
- you / be in your English class? _____?
- you / be on Facebook or Twitter? _____?

d Answer the questions in c about you. Use *for* or *since*.

- I've had my phone _____.
- I've known my _____.
- I've _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a 9.2 Listen and complete the sentences with the missing words.

- He's had* _____ a serious phobia *since he was* _____ a child.
- I've _____ for _____ years.
- _____ here for _____.
- _____ married?
- _____ Andrew?
- _____ here?

9.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the rhythm.

