

English

Grammar

for or since

PRESENT



for

- with a period of time in the past, present and the future

She lived in Germany for 5 years.

(We used the simple past which shows that this is a complete past. We can assume that the person is not living in Germany anymore.)

She has lived in Germany for 5 years.

(We used the Present perfect which shows that the action happened in the past and continues into the present. She is still living in Germany.)

She is going to stay in Germany for 1 year and then she is going to New York for a year.

(This shows future plans)

- KEY words: 2 years, 2 hours, one week, ages, a long time....

since

- with a specific point of time in the past

She lived in Germany since 2008.

- KEY words: since June, since 2008, since 10:30, since last Friday....

Exercise 1:

since Christmas	since 5 o'clock
since my birthday	since last winter
for ten days	for a few minutes
since 2008	since lunchtime
since June 6th	for the past 5 weeks
for a long time	since his accident

Exercise 2:

She has lived in the US **for** 2 months.

They worked together **for** 6 years.

He hasn't smoked **for** 5 years.

She has lived in New York **since** 2008.

He has studied Physics **since** last summer.

He has studied Physics **for** 6 months.

It has been raining **since** 4am.

He had the flu **since** last week.

He has been ill **for** weeks.

They have been best friends **since** 5th grade.

She has had her car **since** June.

They have been planning their dream holiday **for** the past 2 months.

She has been a vegetarian **since** she was 12 years old.