

English

Grammar

for or since

PRESENT

PAST

SINCE

FUTURE

FOR

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:

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

Exercise 2:

She has lived in the US _____ 2 months.

They worked together _____ 6 years.

He hasn't smoked _____ 5 years.

She has lived in New York _____ 2008.

He has studied Physics _____ last summer.

He has studied Physics _____ 6 months.

It has been raining _____ 4am.

He had the flu _____ last week.

He has been ill _____ weeks.

They have been best friends _____ 5th grade.

She has had her car _____ June.

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

She has been a vegetarian _____ she was 12 years old.