Unità 27

Present perfect (since e for)

We've lived here for ten years. How long have you been here?

A Uso
Si usa il present perfect per esprimere un’azione o una situazione iniziata nel passato e che continua nel presente.

I've had this mobile phone for about a year.
Ho questo cellulare da circa un anno.

I haven't seen Ben since the weekend.
Non vedo Ben dallo scorso weekend.

B Since e for
Per descrivere la durata di un’azione o di una situazione si usano since e for.

i Since si usa per descrivere il momento d’inizio di un’azione. Questo può essere un momento specificato all’interno dell’asse temporale (le dieci, aprile, 2006 ecc.) oppure può essere un ‘evento’ (la festa, il mio compleanno ecc.).

I've been here since 6.30. We’ve lived in Rome since 2008.
He’s supported Arsenal since he was seven years old.
I haven’t seen Andrea since the party.

ii For si usa per esprimere il periodo di tempo.

I’ve been here for two hours. It hasn’t rained for weeks.

Vedi unità 166 per altri usi di since e for.

C Always, never ed espressioni con all
Si può usare always + present perfect per esprimere una situazione che è sempre esistita e never + present perfect per una situazione che non è mai esistita.

We’ve always lived in Milan.
Viviamo da sempre a Milano.

I’ve never liked punk music.
Non mi è mai piaciuta la musica punk.

Con all si possono usare espressioni del tipo all morning, all day, all my life.

We’ve been here all day. My grandfather’s lived here all his life.

D How long …
Si può usare How long + present perfect per chiedere la durata di qualcosa.

How long have you lived here? Da quanto tempo vivi qui?

1 Completare le frasi usando since o for.

0 I’ve known Sam since 2008.
0 We’ve lived here for ten years.
1 I’ve played the guitar since I was 12.
2 I haven’t seen Giorgio since months.
3 They’ve been married since 20 years.
4 We’ve been here since 10 o’clock.
5 It hasn’t rained since a month.
6 Jo hasn’t heard from Andy since his birthday.
7 I haven’t spoken to Gemma since weeks.
8 I’ve worked here since 2009.
2 Completa le frasi con *since* e *for* in modo che siano vere per te.

0. I've had a computer since ___.
   I've had a computer for ___.
   We've lived in our house since ___.
   We've lived in our house for ___.

1. I've had my mobile phone since ___.
   I've had my mobile phone for ___.
   I haven't eaten since ___.
   I haven't eaten for ___.

3 Riscrivi le frasi usando il present perfect e *since* o *for*.

0. I am a teacher. I became a teacher in 2006.
   *I've been a teacher since 2006.*

1. Sam has a scooter. He bought it three months ago.
   *three months ago.*

2. I like classical music. I started liking it a couple of years ago.
   *a couple of years ago.*

3. I know Thomas. We met when we were at elementary school.
   *we were at elementary school.*

4. Jacopo is in a rock band. He joined the band last July.
   *last July.*

5. Polly doesn't do ballet. She stopped doing ballet when she was twelve.
   *she was twelve.*

6. I don't buy CDs any more. I last bought a CD about two years ago.
   *about two years ago.*

4 Completa le frasi usando i suggerimenti tra parentesi e il present perfect dei verbi. In alcuni casi dovrai aggiungere *for* o *since*.

Dino: I hear Gianni is going out with Julia.
Bella: Yes, they've been together for about a month. (they / be / together / about a month).

Alessia: Hi Jenny.
Jenny: I'm fine. And you?

Giorgio: That's a nice car!
Matteo: About six months.

Paolo: How do you know Antonella?
Lily: We / be / friends / years.

Marco: I live in Rome.
Guido: You / always / live in Rome?

Flora: Would you like some ham?
Ben: No, thanks. I don't eat meat. I'm vegetarian.

Flora: (how long / you / be / vegetarian)?
Ben: Well, (I / never / eat / meat), actually.

Unità 27  73
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Present perfect e past simple
Completa il testo con il present perfect o il past simple dei verbi tra parentesi.

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Completa le frasi in modo che il significato non cambi. Usa la parola in corsivo e tra due e cinque parole.

0. When did you last cook dinner? since
   How long is it since you last cooked dinner?

1. When did you last see Andrea? saw
   How long is it since you last saw Andrea?

2. We haven’t heard from Katie for ages. since
   It’s been since we last heard from Katie.

3. It’s been months since I went to a party. been
   I haven’t been to a party for months.

4. I last played tennis about two weeks ago. for
   I haven’t played tennis for about two weeks.

5. This place is very different. changed
   This place has changed a lot.

Present perfect e past simple
Traduci le frasi e le domande.

0. Sono stato due volte nel Regno Unito.
   I’ve been to the UK twice.

1. Non sono mai stato in un paese straniero.

2. Vivo a Roma da dieci anni.

3. Vissi a Milano per cinque anni.


5. Oh no! Ho perso il mio cellulare.

6. Da quanto tempo conosci Lorenzo?

7. Sei mai stato in TV?

8. Mr Vecchio insegna qui dal 2000.