A celebrity’s life
Kristen Stewart, actress

Kristen Stewart has been a famous actress for about five years now. She has been an actress since she was eight years old, when her agent saw her performing at school. Her first role was in a film where she didn’t speak, but then she has been in many films. She is probably best known for playing Bella Swan in The Twilight Saga, a part which she has played for four years.

Kristen has lived in Los Angeles since she was born. Because she was acting at a young age, she couldn’t go to school, so she studied online. Then, she has completed high school. She is now one of the best-paid actresses in Hollywood.

Something many people don’t know about Kristen is that she has equinophobia, or a fear of horses. She has had this problem most of her life, but her fans have only known about it 2012, when she was filming with horses. Kristen explained that she has been scared of them since she was nine years old, when she had a terrible fall during a horse-riding accident.

2 GRAMMAR present perfect + for and since

a Circle the correct word, for or since, to complete each sentence.

1 Jess hasn’t flown on a plane for / since many years.
2 I haven’t seen my parents for / since my birthday.
3 He hasn’t ridden a horse for / since he fell off one when he was twelve.
4 We’ve had our rabbit for / since six months.
5 My gran has agoraphobia. She hasn’t left the house for / since two years.
6 I’ve been afraid of dogs for / since I was very young.
7 Oliver is ill. He hasn’t eaten for / since two days.
8 We haven’t been back there for / since the accident happened.

c Complete the questions about Kristen Stewart.
Use How long or When and the verb in brackets.

1 When did Kristen Stewart start acting? (start)
   When she was eight.
2 She played the part of Bella Swan? (play)
   For four years.
3 Kristen live in Los Angeles? (live)
   Since she was born.
4 Kristen have equinophobia? (have)
   For most of her life.
5 fans about her phobia? (hear)
   In 2012.

d Right (✓) or wrong (✗)? Correct the mistakes in the bold phrases.

1 Gill hates flying since she was a child.
   Gill has hated flying been
2 How long time has your brother, an actor?
3 We’ve been married since 2000.
4 He’s been in the USA for February.
5 How long do you have your dog?
6 He’s had this job since eight years.
7 I’ve had four cars since I learned to drive.
8 She’s known Sally since they were at school.