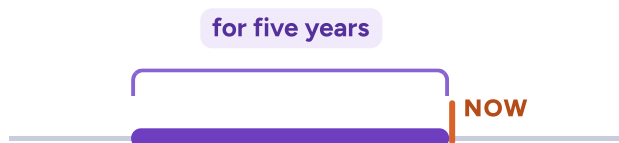


For vs Since

Use **for** with a length of time: *for five years, for two hours*. Use **since** with the starting point: *since 2021, since Monday, since I was a child*. Both usually go with the Present Perfect when the situation continues now.

FOR · A LENGTH OF TIME

I've lived here **for five years**.



SINCE · THE STARTING POINT

I've lived here **since 2021**.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- I've had this phone _____ two years.
a) for b) since
- She's been ill _____ Monday.
a) for b) since
- We've been friends _____ we were children.
a) since b) for
- They waited _____ three hours, then left.
a) since b) for
- I haven't seen him _____ ages.
a) for b) since

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. I've lived here since five years.

2. I've worked here for 2020.

3. I live here for five years.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **For** and one with **Since**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/for-vs-since

For vs Since

1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) for** Two years is a length of time.
2. **b) since** Monday is the starting point.
3. **a) since** We were children marks the starting point.
4. **b) for** Three hours is a length of time.
5. **a) for** Ages means a long length of time.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **I've lived here for five years.** Five years is a length of time, so it takes for.
2. **I've worked here since 2020.** 2020 is a starting point, so it takes since.
3. **I've lived here for five years.** A situation that started in the past and continues now needs the Present Perfect.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.