



ENGLISH

Chapter 7 Session B

4th
SECONDARY

THE WORLD AROUND US
Present Perfect



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Review: Present Perfect + *for, since, how long*

- 1 Read the sentences below. Write (P) if the sentence indicates the period of time of an action; (PT) if the sentence describes an action from one point in time until the present; and (AT) if it asks about the amount of time of an action.

- a **AT** How long have the Reids lived trash-free?
- b **PT** They've reduced their garbage to a minimum since last year.
- c **P** They've recycled as much as possible for the past few months.

- 2 Look at the chart below. Check (✓) the correct information.

present perfect + *for, since, how long ...?*

They've **recycled** as much as possible **for** the past few months.

Since January, they **have reduced** their garbage dramatically.

How long have they **lived** trash-free?

present perfect + for, since, how long ...?

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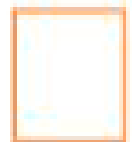
Since January, they **have reduced** their garbage dramatically.

How long have they **lived** trash-free?

a *How long + present perfect* asks about:

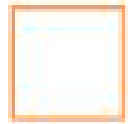


the duration of a state or an activity.



when in the past something happened.

b The *present perfect* with *since* or *for* talks about:



a situation that started and finished in the past.

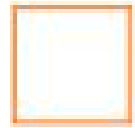


a situation that started in the past and is still going on in the present.

c The *present perfect* + *for* talks about:

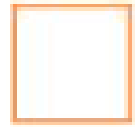


a period of time.



a point in past time.

d The *present perfect* + *since* talks about:



a period of time.



a point in past time.

TIP

We can also use *since* with the simple past.
I've learned a lot since I started this course.
Since I left school, I've worked in an office.

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Write questions for the answers below.
Use *how long* + present perfect.

a **How long has Jack used solar panels in his house?**

Jack has used solar panels in his house since he moved in.

b **How long have we recycled packaging?**

We have recycled packaging for two years now.

c **How long have The Reids grown their own food?**

The Reids have grown their own food since the beginning of this year.

- 4** Insert the time expressions from activity 3 in the chart below. Then include the following:

100 years 1995 20 minutes a long time
I was born Monday nine o'clock three days

for

since

a period of time

a point in time

100 years

20 minutes

a long time

three days

1995

I was born

Monday

nine o'clock

5 Complete the sentences with **for** or **since**.
Underline the present perfect structure.

We've had our blog for six months.

a I have learned a lot since I started this project in May.

b They have grown their own vegetables for two years.

c Anna has tried to recycle more since last month.

d I've biked to school since January.

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- 6 Look at the sentences in the chart below. Circle the verb tenses and underline the time expressions.

present perfect and simple past

- a My neighbor recycled for three months last year.
- b My neighbor has recycled for three years.
- c How long have the Reids lived without trash?
- d How long did the course about recycling take?

7 Notice that *how long* and *for* can be used with the present perfect and the simple past. Match the rules with the sentences from activity 6.

C *How long + present perfect* asks about the duration of an action that started in the past and continues up to the present.

D *How long + simple past* asks about the duration of an action in the past. This action is no longer happening.

B *for + present perfect* describes the amount of time an action which started in the past is still in course.

A *for + simple past* describes how long the action lasted in the past.

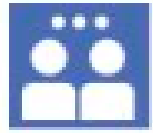
8 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses. Use the simple past or the present perfect.

My friend Suzy is really green. She has recycled (recycle) as much as possible for years. Last year she **a** wrote (write) a great article for the school magazine about recycling. Since then, the students **b** have tried (try) to recycle all the paper and plastic we use at school. We **c** haven't thrown away (not throw away) any paper since then!

For the past year, Suzy d **has bought**
(buy) green presents for everyone. For my last
birthday she e **bought** (buy) me some
organic chocolate and a Fairtrade T-shirt. The
chocolate f **was** (be) delicious and I
g **have worn** (wear) the T-shirt often for a
long time. Unfortunately, it h **shrank**
(shrink) when I i **washed** (wash) it last
week.

Well, I'm going to try to be greener like Suzy!
How about you? j **Will you be** (you / be)
green-friendly this year?

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INTERFACE Ask and answer questions about green habits. Use *how long*, *for* or *since*.

How long have you used recycled paper?

I've used it since the 5th grade.



LISTENING

Buy Nothing Day (BND)



- 1 Look at the pictures. What do you think Buy Nothing Day is?


- a An event which highlights the environmental consequences of shopping.
- b An event which encourages people to stop shopping completely.

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Listen and check your answers.



3  28 Listen again. Then write T for *true* or F for *false*. Correct the false sentences.



- a **F** If you participate in Buy Nothing Day, you don't buy anything for 12 hours.

... you don't buy anything for 24 hours.

- b **T** Buy Nothing Day is on the same day as Black Friday.
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- c **T** Buy Nothing Day is an international event that happens in many countries.
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- d **F** At swap days, people sell items that they don't use.

... people exchange items that they don't want.

- e **T** At workshops, people learned to make presents from old items.
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- f **T** On Buy Nothing Day some participants write to supermarkets to ask them to use less packaging.
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- 1 Match the sentence beginnings with the endings. Then write sentences in the present perfect using *for* or *since*.
- a 2 I (not see) a good movie
 - b 7 We (know) each other
 - c 1 The European Union (exist)
 - d 4 Kate (have) a driving license
 - e 3 There (be) life on earth
 - f 5 You (be) sick with that cough
 - g 6 Michael (work) in environmental projects



Review: Present Perfect + *for*, *since*, *how long*

- 1 1993.
- 2 I saw *The Descendants* 2.
- 3 millions of years.
- 4 she was 17.
- 5 three days now.
- 6 two years.
- 7 we were in primary school.

a *I haven't seen a good film since I saw The Descendants 2.*

b **We have known each other since we were in primary school.**

c **The European Union has existed since 1993.**

d **Kate has had a driving license since she was 17.**

e **There has been life on earth for millions of years.**

f **You have been sick with that cough for three days now.**

g **Michael has worked in environmental projects for two years.**

2 Write questions with *how long* and answers with *for* or *since*.

Q: you / have / a compost bin?

A: six months

Q: How long have you had a compost bin?

A: I've had a compost bin for six months.

a

Q: she / know / how to make her own clothes?

A: 2014

Q: Have long has she known how to make her own clothes?

A: She has known how to make her own clothes since 2014.

b

Q: you / be / interested in environmental issues

A: I was 11

Q: Have long have you been interested in environmental issues?

A: I have been interested in environmental issues since I was 11.

c

Q: he / work / at the recycling center?

A: the past few months

Q: Have long has he worked at the recycling center?

A: He has worked at the recycling center for the past few months.

d

Q: they / had / solar panels?

A: last month

Q: Have long have they had solar panels?

A: They have had solar panels since last month.

- 3 Complete the text using the present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

From: Amy
To: Rob
Subject: Life in the country

Dear Rob, **Have = I -you-we-they**
 Has = he-she-it

I'm sorry I haven't written (not write)
for a few months. I a have been
(be) very busy since our move to
the country. Since we arrived, we
have installed (install) solar
panels on our roof ourselves, and we
have insulated (insulate) all our
windows. For the past few weeks, I d have spent
(spend) a lot of time working in the garden. I



- 3 Complete the text using the present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

(spend) a lot of time working in the garden. I **have planted** (plant) a lot of vegetable seeds since the weather got warmer. We f **have had** (have) a compost heap for a year now, which is really useful (that's me working on it in the picture!). But life on our little farm is very hard work. I g **haven't seen** (not see) a good movie for over six months and I h **haven't been** (not be) on vacation for a year. I **Have you seen** (you / see) Peter since Thanksgiving? I j **haven't heard** (not hear) from him for a very long time. If you see him, say hi from me. Write soon!

Amy