

Session 2

In this unit we've already heard from people talking about our emotional move to the BBC World Service's new home. In this session we'll be looking at the grammar you can use to talk about this kind of experience: the **present perfect** with the words **for** and **since**. We'll also hear from someone who has worked at the BBC since 1991!

Activity 3

Changing jobs

Different jobs, different experience

So far in this session we have learned about someone who's worked at the BBC for a long time. Now it's time to hear from someone who joined the BBC more recently. Sourena is a broadcast journalist, and he's going to tell us a bit about his experience.

Listen to him speak and see if you can work out the link between Iran, fashion and the BBC. And don't forget to listen out for the present perfect!



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The link between the three pictures was... Sourena! He's from Iran, and before he joined the BBC he worked as a fashion designer.

Did you hear the things Sourena talked about using the present perfect?

To do

He talked about his experience using the present perfect in different ways. We've already seen some of these, with **for** and **since** and **time references**. But there was one more way that we can use the present perfect that we heard.

Try this activity and see if you get it right!

So Sourena used the present perfect with a reference to an event to describe his experience. He said:

Since I joined the BBC, my working life has changed...

The reference to the event here is in the past simple, but he could also say this:

Since joining the BBC, my working life has changed...

So with **since** we can use a past simple statement or a gerund and then use the present perfect. Here are two more examples:

Since I moved to the UK, my English has improved a lot.

Since moving to London, I have started to spend more money on rent.

Next

Right, since you started this session, you've heard a lot about the present perfect. It's time to study for a little bit longer. 6 Minute Grammar with Neil and Sophie will help you make sense of what you've learned!