

SINCE, FOR, FROM

সে গত রবিবার থেকে পীড়িত—He has been ill *since* Sunday last.

সে আগামী রবিবার থেকে ইংরেজি শুরু করবে—He will begin English *from* next Sunday.

আমি গত সপ্তাহ থেকে তাকে দেখিনি—I have not seen him *from* last week.

আমি তাকে এক সপ্তাহ দেখিনি—I have not seen him *for* a week.



Note : Point of time বা কোনো বিশেষ সময় থেকে বোঝাতে *since* ও *from* আর **Period of time** অর্থাৎ কোনো সময় থেকে কোনো সময় পর্যন্ত সময়ের ব্যাপ্তি বোঝাতে *for* ব্যবহৃত হয়। মনে রাখবে, কোনো সময় থেকে কোনো সময় পর্যন্ত না হয়ে কেবল কোনো সময় থেকে হলে (যেমন *since* Sunday, *from* tomorrow, *from* last week) বোঝালে সবই Point of time হয়। তবে *from* সকল tense-এ এবং *since* কেবল Past tense এবং Perfect tense-এ ব্যবহৃত হয়।

“Both (*since* and *from*) denote a point of time, not a space or period. But ‘*since*’ is preceded by a verb in some perfect tense, while ‘*from*’ can be used with any form of tense. Another difference is that ‘*since*’ can be used only in reference to past time, whereas ‘*from*’ can be used for present and future tense.”
—Nesfield

সহজ কথায় Point of time বোঝাতে Present Perfect বা Perfect Continuous tense এবং Past tense-এ *since* এবং সমস্ত tense-এ *from* ব্যবহৃত হয়।

****** [*For* refers to a space of time; *since* and *from* refer to a point of time. But while *since* refers only to a past point, *from* refers to a point of time in all tenses.”

—P. K. De Sarkar

Some more examples of *since* and *from* in different tenses.

He has been here *since/from* Monday last. (Present Perfect tense)

It has been raining *since/from* Sunday last. (Present Perfect Continuous tense).

He began English *since/from* the age of ten/his boyhood. (Simple Past tense)

He was tired as he had been working *since/from* dawn. (Past Perfect Continuous)

He begins English *from* (not *since*) today. (Present tense)

He will begin English *from* (not *since*) tomorrow. (Future tense)



***** [However, “note that there is a difference between **last** and **the last**. We say, ‘I am here **since last week** (month, year etc.) but ‘I have been here **for the last week**’. In the first sentence ‘**last week**’ means a point of time about seven days ago. In the second sentence ‘**the last week**’ means the period of seven days that has just finished.”]

—A. J. Thomson & A. V. Martinet

BY, SINCE, BEFORE

তোমাকে চারটের মধ্যে ফিরতে হবে—You must be back *by* four o’clock.

সে চারটে থেকে এখানে আছে—He has been here *since* four o’clock.

সে চারটের আগে ফিরল না—He did not get back *before* four o’clock.

[*By, Since, Before*—“These are all used for a point of time, not for a period or space of time.”—Nesfield]