

How long has Tom . . . ?

Aims

Practice asking and answering present perfect questions with *for* and *since*.

Language focus

Grammar

Present perfect with *for* and *since*

Set-up

Pair work

Lesson link

For use after Unit 7, Lesson C

Time

20 minutes

Preparation

Duplicate one Student A page and one Student B page for each pair.

- As students are working, walk around to monitor the activity and help as needed. Make sure students are actually asking questions and not just copying the information from the sheets. Make note of any errors or problems to review later.
- When pairs are finished, have them compare worksheets and correct any differences. **Note:** For each blank on one worksheet, students will find the correct information on the other sheet.

Answer Key

- Tom Jacobs
He's been married **for five years**.
He's lived in **Seattle** since 2007.
He's been a soccer fan **since he was a kid**.
- Carla Walsh
She's been a teacher **for 12 years**.
She's worked at **the Smith School** since 2009.
She's been at work **for nine hours** today.
- Sam Gibson
He's studied Spanish **for a year**.
He's been in Mexico **since last month / for a month**.
He's been in **Mexico City** for a day.
- Erica James
She has been a chef **since 2005**.
She's had her own restaurant **for five years**.
She's had **her own TV show** for a year.
- Hannah Park
She's been interested in art **since 2000**.
Her art has been in **a museum** since October.
She's lived in New York **for ten years**.
- Marco Silva
He's loved **music** since he was a kid.
He's been a musician **since 2007**.
He's been on tour in **the U.S.** for six months.

Procedure

- Tell students they are going to practice asking about people's lives and experiences. Put students in pairs and distribute worksheets. In each pair, one student receives the Student A worksheet and the other the Student B worksheet. Tell students that they should not look at their partner's worksheet.
- Model the activity by pointing to the picture of Tom Jacobs and asking: *How long has Tom been married?* Elicit the answer from Students B (*He's been married for five years*). Have Students A write *for five years* on the blank in their sheets.
- Have pairs continue asking and answering about the people in the pictures. Point out different kinds of information are missing from some of the blanks. Elicit examples of other questions with the present perfect and *for / since*, such as *Where has he lived since 2007?* *What has Marco loved since he was a kid?*

How long has Tom . . . ?

Student A

1.



Tom Jacobs

- He's been married _____.
- He moved to Seattle in 2007.
- He's been a soccer fan _____.

2.



Carla Walsh

- She became a teacher 12 years ago.
- She's worked at _____ since 2009.
- She started work nine hours ago.

3.



Sam Gibson

- He's studied Spanish _____.
- He arrived in Mexico last month.
- He's been in _____ for a day.

4.



Erica James

- She became a chef in 2005.
- She's had her own restaurant _____.
- She started her own TV show last year.

5.



Hannah Park

- She's been interested in art _____.
- Her art has been in a museum in October.
- She's lived in New York _____.

6.



Marco Silva

- He's loved music since he was a kid.
- He's been a musician _____.
- His tour of the U.S. started six months ago.

How long has Tom . . . ?

Student B

1.



Tom Jacobs

- He got married five years ago.
- He's lived in _____ since 2007.
- He became a soccer fan when he was a kid.

2.



Carla Walsh

- She's been a teacher _____.
- She started working at the Smith School in 2009.
- She's been at work _____ today.

3.



Sam Gibson

- His first Spanish class was a year ago.
- He's been in Mexico _____.
- He arrived in Mexico City yesterday.

4.



Erica James

- She has been a chef _____.
- She started her own restaurant five years ago.
- She's had _____ for a year.

5.



Hannah Park

- She became interested in art in 2000.
- Her art has been in _____ since October.
- She moved to New York ten years ago.

6.



Marco Silva

- He's loved _____ since he was a kid.
- He became a musician in 2007.
- He's been on tour in _____ for six months.