

TENSE



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Since(point of time):- 7 am, 2007, winter, childhood, last week / month / year/decade, time immemorial etc. Exam →
since ✓

For(duration of time):- 7 minutes, a long time, a while 2 hours/weeks/months/years, the last 2 days/weeks/months/years etc.

Grammar ← ✓ ✓

This has been a custom in our society since/from/for time immemorial. ✓ → Exam

I have been studying here since/for the last 2 years. ✗ ✓

His father has been with us since/for 2007. ✓ ✗

Present perfect continuous /present perfect + since/for + time

has been playing

She is playing table tennis since 2012.

X

have been waiting

They are waiting for you for the last 5 hours.

has loved

Neelam has been loving you for the last 7 years.

have known

We have been knowing Mr. Gupta for the last 5 years

If an action of past is used with 'since' as a point of time, write that action in past indefinite and main clause in pr perfect or pr pr. cont.

has not called

over

Action cont

Past Action = Point of Time

She did not call me since she moved to Australia with Ajay.

have not called

Past action - Point of Time

They did not call us even once since we left Delhi.

have been calling

Past action = Point of Time

They are calling me again and again since I left their company.

rejected - V₂ (Past Ind)

I have been waiting for you since you had rejected my proposal in 2011.

x

Pr perfect cont /pr perfect/pr ind/past ind + for + duration

action is in continuity

I have been playing cricket for 5 years. [stress on action]

action may or may not be in continuity

I have played cricket for 5 years. [stress on completion of time]

I played cricket for 5 years.

I play cricket for 5 hours daily.



Pr perfect cont /pr perfect/pr ind/past ind + for + duration

action is in continuity

I have been reading novels for 2 years. [stress on action]

action may or may not be in continuity

I have read novels for 2 years. [stress on completion of time]

I read novels for 2 years.

I read novels for 2 hours daily.



Pr perfect cont /pr perfect+ since + point of time

She has been playing tennis since 2012. [action continue] ✓

She has played 120 matches of tennis since 2012. [action complete]

Ranveer has been working on these 3 movies for the last 3 months.

LINE

have read

I have been reading these 30 novels for the last 3 months.

has played

Sachin has been playing 300 matches for the last 15 years.

have been playing

I have played cricket since 2007.

I have played more than 300 matches since 2007.

NE

I have read more than 20 novels since 2007.

NE

Present perfect tense can be used with since ^{out}with action completion hint in case of linking verbs, stative verbs and action without result.

I have known him since 2007. (Stative verb)

He has been with us since 2007. (Linking Verb)

He has lived here since 2007.

He has been living here since 2007.

Past perfect continuous:- ✓

had

She has been waiting here for 2 hours before her father came.

had

We have been playing cricket for 3 hours before you called.

had

They have been arguing for 10 minutes before the boss arrived.