

Exercises

12.1 Write for or since.

- 1 It's been raining *since* lunchtime.
- 2 Paul has lived in Brazil ten years.
- 3 I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here an hour.
- 4 Kevin has been looking for a job he left school.
- 5 I haven't been to a party ages.
- 6 I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him last week.
- 7 Jane is away on holiday. She's been away Friday.
- 8 The weather is dry. It hasn't rained a few weeks.

12.2 Look at each answer and choose the right question.

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| 1 | How long have they been married?
When did they get married? | Ten years ago. |
| | (When did they get married? <i>is correct</i>) | |
| 2 | How long have you had this car?
When did you buy this car? | About five years. |
| 3 | How long have you been waiting?
When did you get here? | Only a few minutes. |
| 4 | How long have you been doing your course?
When did your course start? | September. |
| 5 | How long has Anna been in London?
When did Anna arrive in London? | Last week. |
| 6 | How long have you known each other?
When did you first meet each other? | A long time. |

12.3 Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- 1 It's raining. It's been raining since lunchtime. It *started raining* at lunchtime.
- 2 Ann and Jess are friends. They first met years ago. They've *known each other for* years.
- 3 Mark is unwell. He became ill on Sunday. He has Sunday.
- 4 Sarah is married. She's been married for a year. She got
- 5 You have a headache. It started when you woke up.
I've I woke up.
- 6 Sue is in a meeting at work. It's been going on since 9 o'clock.
The meeting at 9 o'clock.
- 7 You're working in a hotel. You started working there six months ago.
I've been
- 8 Kate is learning Japanese. She's been doing this for a long time.
Kate started

12.4 Complete B's sentences.

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| A | Do you often go on holiday?
Have you seen Lisa recently?
Do you still go swimming regularly?
Do you still ride a bike these days? | B | No, I <i>haven't had a holiday for</i> five years.
No, I about a month.
No, I a long time.
No, I ages. |
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Now write B's answers again. This time use **It's ... since ...**

- 5 (1) No, *it's five years since I last had a holiday.*
- 6 (2) No, it's
- 7 (3) No,
- 8 (4)