

PRESENT PERFECT - EXPRESSIONS - TEACHER'S NOTES

How to use the set

The aim of these activities is for students to learn or revise time expressions characteristic for Present Perfect and show them how to use them in context. The activities help ss to recognize the expressions as well as understand how to use them in the correct way. Most of the activities are self-explanatory and are designed to provide self-assessment. Each activity has instructions for the ss under



Time expressions - let's learn

- * SS match the definitions with the correct expression to understand what each of them means.

Find it

- * SS pick the elements which belong to Present Perfect context only. However, when they make a mistake, the exercise resets and starts over.

For or Since - sort it

- * Ss decide which expressions go with **FOR** or **SINCE** to grasp the difference between them
- * **Follow-up** - the exercises that follows consists of gapped sentences where ss need to write either **FOR** or **SINCE**.

Yes vs Already - Pick

- * Multiple choice exercise where ss decide between **YET** or **ALREADY** to familiarize themselves with the correct context.
- * **Follow-up** - Gapped sentences - ss write the answers themselves. This exercise allows ss to self-assess so they can check if they understand the difference between the expressions.

Time expressions in practice

- * The exercise contains the sentences with all the expressions for ss to write in.

Exercise 1 - time expressions

Look at the definitions and the words. Match

1. before now, doesn't need doing again
2. in negatives, not happened
3. at any time
4. not ever
5. up to now
6. not long ago
7. a moment ago
8. from point in the past till now
9. period of time from the past till now
10. up to now, but not done
11. in questions, done?

- a. already**
- b. so far**
- c. yet**
- d. for**
- e. never**
- f. recently\lately**
- g. ever**
- h. just**
- i. since**
- j. still**
- k. yet**

1. ___ 2. ___ 3. ___ 4. ___ 5. ___ 6. ___ 7. ___ 8. ___ 9. ___ 10. ___ 11. ___

Exercise 2 - Time expressions in practice - For vs Since

Read the sentences and write the correct expression **For** or **Since**

1. I've lived in this city _____ ten years.
2. She's worked here _____ 2018.
3. We haven't seen each other _____ last month.
4. They've been married _____ twenty years.
5. He's played the guitar _____ he was a teenager.
6. I've been waiting _____ half an hour.
7. We've known each other _____ primary school.
8. She's been tired _____ the morning.
9. They haven't eaten anything _____ lunchtime.
10. I've had this phone _____ two years.
11. He's lived abroad _____ 2020.
12. I've studied English _____ a long time.
13. She hasn't been home _____ Monday.
14. We've been in this meeting _____ an hour.
15. I haven't heard from him _____ last week.
16. They've had that car _____ five years.
17. She's worked as a nurse _____ she finished university.
18. I've been here _____ a few minutes.
19. We've waited for the bus stop _____ 10 o'clock.
20. He's been sick _____ three days.

Exercise 3 - Time expressions in practice - Yet vs Already

Read the sentences and write the correct expression **Yet** or **Already**

1. I haven't eaten breakfast _____.
2. She's _____ seen that movie twice.
3. We haven't met the new teacher _____.
4. They've _____ arrived at the airport.
5. Has he called you _____?
6. I've _____ told you the news!
7. The train hasn't left _____.
8. Have you done the dishes _____?
9. She's _____ finished her project.
10. We haven't decided _____ what to do.
11. He's _____ visited Paris twice.
12. We haven't received the results _____.
13. Have they opened the shop _____?
14. Have they gone home _____?
15. He's _____ read that book three times.
16. I haven't started my essay _____.
17. Have you bought the tickets _____?
18. I've _____ eaten lunch.
19. They haven't arrived _____.
20. She's _____ completed her report.
21. Have you spoken to your boss _____?
22. I haven't packed my suitcase _____.
23. He's _____ cleaned his room.
24. She's _____ started her new job.
25. I haven't checked my email _____.
26. Have you eaten dinner _____?

Exercise 4 - Time expressions in practice

Read the sentences and write the correct expression. Pick from the list.

**already, yet, yet, ever, never, recently\lately,
for, just, since, still, so far**

1. Has he _____ been to Japan?
2. _____, the trip has been great!
3. Have you finished your project _____?
4. Have you seen any good movies _____?
5. He has lived in London _____ six months.
6. I have _____ done my homework, so I can watch TV now.
7. I have _____ finished my lunch — I'm full.
8. I have lived here _____ 2015.
9. I have _____ ridden a horse.
10. I have _____ started going to the gym.
11. I haven't met your brother _____.
12. I _____ haven't found my wallet.
13. She has _____ eaten breakfast — she isn't hungry anymore.
14. She has _____ tried coffee.
15. She _____ has not answered my message.
16. She has worked at that company _____ last year.
17. Have you _____ seen snow?
18. They have _____ arrived at the airport.
19. We have known each other _____ ten years.
20. We have learned five units _____ this term.

Answer key:

Exercise 1

1. a 2. c 3. g 4. e 5. b 6. f 7. h 8. i 9. d 10. j 11. k

Exercise 2

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| 1. for | 11. since |
| 2. since | 12. for |
| 3. since | 13. since |
| 4. for | 14. for |
| 5. since | 15. since |
| 6. for | 16. for |
| 7. since | 17. since |
| 8. since | 18. for |
| 9. since | 19. since |
| 10. for | 20. for |

Exercise 4

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| 1. never | 11. yet |
| 2. So far | 12. still |
| 3. yet | 13. already/just |
| 4. recently/lately | 14. never |
| 5. for | 15. still |
| 6. already | 16. since |
| 7. just | 17. ever |
| 8. since | 18. just |
| 9. never | 19. for |
| 10. recently | 20. so far |

Exercise 3

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| 1. yet | 16. yet |
| 2. already | 17. yet |
| 3. yet | 18. already |
| 4. already | 19. yet |
| 5. yet | 20. already |
| 6. already | 21. yet |
| 7. yet | 22. yet |
| 8. yet | 23. already |
| 9. already | 24. already |
| 10. yet | 25. yet |
| 11. already | 26. yet |
| 12. yet | |
| 13. yet | |
| 14. yet | |
| 15. already | |

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