

ENGLISH GRAMMAR PRACTICE

Topic: Unit 19 — **for, since, ago** & Present Perfect vs. Simple Past (Indian Context)

19.1 Write **for** or **since**.

1. Amit has been in Delhi **since** Monday.
2. Amit has been in Delhi three days.
3. My uncle has lived in Mumbai 10 years.
4. Priya is in her office. She has been there 9 o'clock.
5. India has been a republic 1950.
6. The bus is late. We've been waiting 30 minutes.
7. Nobody lives in that flat. It's been empty years.
8. Rohit has been ill a week. He's been in hospital Sunday.

19.2 Answer these questions. Use **ago**.

1. When was your last meal? → *Two hours ago*.
2. When was the last time you were ill? →
3. When did you last go to the market? →
4. When was the last time you were in a car? →
5. When was the last time you went on holiday? →

19.3 Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets (...) + **for** or **ago**.

1. Amit arrived in Delhi **three days ago**. (three days)
2. Amit has been in Delhi **for three days**. (three days)
3. Rahul and Sneha have been married (5 years)
4. Rahul and Sneha got married (5 years)
5. Neha arrived (an hour)
6. We had lunch (half an hour)
7. Pooja has been learning French ? (a long time)
8. Have you known Rahul ? (two years)
9. I bought these shoes (a few days)

19.4 Complete the sentences with **for** or **since**.

1. Amit is in Delhi now. He arrived 3 days ago. *He has been there for 3 days*.
2. Rohit is here. He arrived on Monday. He has
3. It's raining. It started an hour ago. It's been
4. I know Neha. I first met her 2 years ago. I've
5. I have a scooty. I bought it in 2021. I've
6. They are married. They got married 6 months ago. They've
7. Ritu is studying at DU. She started 3 years ago. She has
8. Manoj plays the sitar. He started at age 8. Manoj has

19.5 Write sentences about yourself. Begin with the words in brackets (...).

1. (I've lived)
2. (I've been)
3. (I've been learning)
4. (I've known)
5. (I've had)