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GRAMMAR

Present Perfect with *for* and *since*

*I can use the Present Perfect with **for** and **since** to talk about duration.*

- 1 **SPEAKING** Tick the places where you have slept. What was the most unusual place? Tell your partner.

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| • in my bed ☐ | • in a hotel ☐ |
| • on a floor ☐ | • on a train ☐ |
| • on a couch ☐ | • other ☐ |

- 2 **SPEAKING** Read US TODAY. What is couchsurfing? Discuss whether you would like to do it. Give reasons for your answers.

US TODAY

We asked CS employee, Dan, about the world's largest travel community.

What is it?

A worldwide travel network connecting travellers with people who offer free accommodation.

Who is it for?

People who don't want to stay in hotels but want to meet local people and experience new cultures.

How much does it cost?

Nothing! It's free.

How long have you worked for CS?

I've been here **since** it started in 2004. I've worked with people from all over the world **for** more than ten years. Together we want to create a global community.



- 3 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Complete the examples using the Present Perfect forms in blue in Exercise 2.

GRAMMAR FOCUS 16

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You use the **Present Perfect** to talk about unfinished situations that started in the past and continue in time 'up to now'.

- You use **How long** to ask about the length of time 'up to now'.
How long ¹ _____ you _____ *for* CS?
- You use **since** when the answer is a point in time:
e.g. *since 1998, since last week, since I was born.*
I ² _____ *here* **since** *it started in 2004.*
- You use **for** when the answer is a period of time:
e.g. *for six hours, for a few days, for a long time.*
I ³ _____ *with people from all over the world* **for** *more than ten years.*

- 4 **2.6** Choose *for* or *since* and complete the comments with the Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets. Then listen and check.



Couchsurfer

I ¹ **'ve been** (be) a member ² **for / since** three years now. ³ **For / Since** I became a member, I ⁴ _____ (stay) in thirty-two countries in different types of accommodation. I ⁵ _____ (sleep) in a luxury studio apartment in Manhattan, on a houseboat in Amsterdam and in a basement flat in London – all for free!

Host



I ⁶ _____ (be) a couchsurfing host ⁷ **for / since** two years now and I ⁸ _____ (already/meet) more than thirty people. At the moment, Miki is visiting from Tokyo. I ⁹ _____ (only know) her ¹⁰ **for / since** a week, but I'm sure we'll remain friends. Miki is happy too – she ¹¹ _____ (study) English ¹² **for / since** ten years, but she ¹³ _____ (never/have) the chance to speak with a native speaker before. She ¹⁴ _____ (be) here ¹⁵ **for / since** nearly a week, but she ¹⁶ _____ (not feel) homesick because she says I make her feel at home.

- 5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- My dad was born in our house.
My dad **has lived** (live) in our house **since** he was born.
- My dad gave my mum this watch when she was forty.
My mum _____ (have) this watch _____ she was forty.
- I met my best friend two years ago.
I _____ (know) my best friend _____ two years.
- I bought these trainers last Christmas.
I _____ (not buy) any new trainers _____ last Christmas.
- I joined this English class three months ago.
I _____ (be) in this English class _____ three months.
- I had breakfast at 7 a.m.
I _____ (not eat) anything _____ 7 a.m.

- 6 Write true sentences from the prompts. Use the Present Perfect and *since* or *for*.

- I/know/(name of your neighbour) ...
- I/live in/(name of your neighbourhood) ...
- I/like/(name of your favourite band) ...
- I/have/(make of your phone) ...
- I/be interested in/(name of a subject) ...
- My dad/have/(type of your dad's car) ...

- 7 **SPEAKING** Use the sentences in Exercise 6 to make dialogues. Then ask and answer as in the example.

A: *Who is your neighbour?* B: *Barry.*

A: *How long have you known him?* B: *For five years.*

FOCUS VLOG 17 Where people live

17 Watch the Focus Vlog. For the worksheet, go to page 123.