

Prepositions Exercise 9

SINCE/FOR/AGO

Examples:

1. He has worked there **since** January.
2. He worked there **for** six months.
3. He has worked there **for** six months.
4. He came to Canada six months **ago**.

Since denotes action from some indicated time in the past, up to the present time. Therefore, the present perfect tense of the verb (has worked) is required.

For refers to duration, or length of time. It may be used in the present, past, or future tense.

Ago refers to the past tense. It is used only with the past tense.

Exercise:

1. I met him on Fifth Avenue about two weeks ____
2. He has been studying English ____ last January.
3. He has been studying English ____ two years.
4. I visited them in Miami about six months ____
5. He stayed with us ____ about six months.
6. John has lived in that same house ____ many years.
7. They have lived there ____ 1968.
8. She has never been the same ____ he went away.
9. He has been sick ____ several days.
10. She has been sick ____ Wednesday
11. How long ____ did the accident happen?
12. I haven't seen John ____ last Christmas.

13. We talked ____ about two hours.
14. She has been in the hospital ____ July.
15. He left for Chicago three days ____.
16. I haven't talked with her ____ yesterday.
17. I talked with her ____ a few minutes yesterday.
18. Mr. Smith has been teaching English ever ____ he came to Canada.
19. She first began to teach English about three years ____.
20. She has been teaching English ____ many years.