

EXERCISES

Write questions with how long and when.

- 1 It's raining.
(how long?) ... How long has it been raining?
(when?) ... When did it start raining?
- 2 Kate is learning Italian.
(how long / learn?)
(when / start / learn?)
- 3 I know Martin.
(how long / know?)
(when / first / meet?)
- 4 Bob and Alice are married.
(how long?)
(when?)

Read the situations and complete the sentences beginning in the way shown.

- 1 (It's raining now. It's been raining since lunchtime.) It started raining at lunchtime.
- 2 (Ann and I are friends. We first met years ago.) We've known each other for years.
- 3 (Mark is ill. He became ill on Sunday.) He has
- 4 (Mark is ill. He became ill a few days ago.) He has
- 5 (Sarah is married. She's been married for two years.) She got
- 6 (You've got a camera. You bought it ten years ago.) I've
- 7 (Sue has been in France for the last three weeks.) She went
- 8 (You're working in a hotel. You started in June.) I've

Put in for or since.

- 1 It's been raining since lunchtime.
- 2 Tom's father has been doing the same job 20 years.
- 3 Have you been learning English a long time?
- 4 Sarah has lived in London 1985.
- 5 Christmas, the weather has been quite good.
- 6 Please hurry up! We've been waiting an hour.
- 7 Kevin has been looking for a job he left school.
- 8 The house is very dirty. We haven't cleaned it ages.
- 9 I haven't had a good meal last Tuesday.

Write B's sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 A: Do you often go on holiday?
B: (no / five years) No, I haven't had a holiday for five years.
- 2 A: Do you often eat in restaurants?
B: (no / ages) No, I
- 3 A: Do you often see Sarah?
B: (no / about a month) No,
- 4 A: Do you often go to the cinema?
B: (no / a long time)

Now write B's answers again. This time use It's...since...

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