

# FOR SINCE AGO

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## A) FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH "FOR" OR "SINCE"

- George has been a teacher ..... six years.
- John and Mary have been married ..... they finished university.
- My father has worked in that factory ..... 1990.
- My parents have had their house ..... they moved to London.
- We have had this parrot only ..... three weeks.
- Rachel has been in France ..... she found a job in Paris.
- Steven has played in our school team ..... three years.
- He has been miserable ..... he lost his wife.
- I haven't seen Meg ..... ages.
- He has collected 2500 stamps ..... he was a little boy.
- David has driven his car ..... seven years.
- I haven't met my high school friends ..... I became a doctor.
- Anny and Fanny haven't eaten chips ..... they went on a diet.
- She hasn't been able to walk ..... she had a car accident.
- I haven't read any books ..... July.

## B) FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH "FOR" OR "AGO"

- We came to this town six months .....
- Chris has spoken Chinese ..... twelve years.
- My grandfather has been retired ..... only four months.
- Our Maths teacher bought a big house three days .....
- James has been a dentist ..... about twenty-three years.
- I haven't brushed my teeth ..... three days.
- I finished tidying my room half an hour .....
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## C) CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER

- Our neighbour Sam has been a father FOR/SINCE 2001.
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- Sam sold his motorbike FOR/AGO.
- They haven't eaten anything FOR/AGO two days.
- My mother went to Georgia a week FOR/AGO.
- We haven't seen each other FOR/SINCE we finished university.
- They have lived in Manchester FOR/SINCE twenty days.
- Brian finished his homework an hour FOR/AGO.
- Sam has been an engineer FOR/SINCE a long time.
- We have studied at the university FOR/SINCE 2007.

## D) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WITH "AGO"

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