

## **Lesson Plan: Present perfect (with for & since)**

**Level:** Intermediate (B1)

**Time:** 60 minutes

### **1. Objectives (5 minutes)**

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use the **present perfect** to talk about actions or states that started in the past and continue now
- Correctly choose **for** vs **since**
- Ask and answer questions using **How long...?**

### **2. Warm-up / Lead-in (5 minutes)**

**Activity: Personal connection**

- Write on the board:

*I have lived in this city for \_\_\_\_ years.*

*I have studied English since \_\_\_\_.*

- Teacher models with true examples.
- Students complete the sentences individually, then share with a partner.

**Concept check (oral):**

- Is the action finished? ❌
- Does it continue now? ✅

### **3. Presentation (Form & Meaning) (10 minutes)**

**A. Meaning**

Write on the board:

*I have had this phone for three years.*  
*I have had this phone since 2022.*

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**for** → a **period of time** (how long)

**since** → a **starting point** (when it began)

Create a simple timeline on the board:

2022 ----- NOW  
since 2022  
for 3 years

## **B. Form**

### **Affirmative:**

Subject + **have / has** + past participle

*I have lived here for five years.*

*She has known him since 2019.*

### **Questions:**

*How long have you lived here?*

### **Negative:**

*I haven't studied English for long.*

## **4. Controlled Practice (10 minutes)**

### **Activity 1: Choose for or since**

Students complete sentences:

1. I have known my best friend \_\_\_\_ 2018.
2. She has played the piano \_\_\_\_ six years.
3. We have lived here \_\_\_\_ a long time.
4. He has been tired \_\_\_\_ this morning.

**Answer check:** Pair check → whole class

## 5. Semi-controlled Practice (10 minutes)

### Activity 2: Sentence completion

Students complete sentences with true information:

- I have liked \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have been at this school since \_\_\_\_\_.
- I have had my favorite hobby for \_\_\_\_\_.

Students compare answers in pairs.

## 6. Communicative Practice (15 minutes)

### Activity 3: "How long...?" Survey

Students walk around and ask at least **3 classmates**:

- How long have you studied English?
- How long have you lived in your house?
- How long have you known your best friend?

They take short notes and report one answer to the class.

## 7. Error Correction & Feedback (3–5 minutes)

Write common mistakes on the board (anonymously):

 *I am living here for five years.*

 *I have lived here for five years.*

Quick recap:

- Present perfect, not present continuous
- **for = length, since = starting point**

## 8. Optional Homework

Choose one:

1. Write **5 true sentences** using present perfect with *for* and *since*.
2. Write a short paragraph titled **"Things I have done for a long time"**.