

# 8 Remarkable Achievements

Prepositions of Time – since / for + Tenses – Present Perfect / Simple Past

Date:

Grade:



I want to be a professional gamer when I grow up.



I **have played** video games **for** 8 years.



I work hard for my dream. **Last** night, I **practised** till 11 pm.



## Grammar Explained



- a) We can use **'How long'** to ask questions in the **present perfect tense**. We can use **'since'** and **'for'** to talk about the duration we have done something. We use **'since'** for a point in time and **'for'** for a period of time.

**How long**

**have** you **been** a teacher?

**has** Aunt Lily **lived** in Canada?

I **have been** a musician

**since** 2012.

Mr Lee **has studied** German

**for** 7 years.

- b) We use the **simple past tense** to talk about past activities that took place at a specific time in the past. We usually use **'ago'**, **'in'** and **'last'** to mark the time in the **simple past tense**.

They **performed** on stage

2 years **ago**.

Johnson **wrote** his first novel

**in** 2009.

We **ate** a lot of moon cakes

**last** month.

**A** Cody is looking at the trophies his school has won over the years. Draw lines to match 'since' and 'for' to the correct time markers.

since

for



**B** Cody is asking his friends about their interests and achievements. Complete their conversations with the correct form of the given verbs.



: How long ① \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (play) badminton?



: I ② \_\_\_\_\_ (play) badminton since I was six years old. I  
③ \_\_\_\_\_ (win) a gold medal two years ago.



: How long ④ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Japanese?



: I ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Japanese for four years. My sister  
speaks Japanese better than I do because she ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_  
(learn) it for six years.



: How long ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) judo?



: I ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (do) judo since 2011. I ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_  
(take) second place in a competition last year.

**C** Mrs Kim is reading a magazine article about a famous star. Complete the article with the correct form of the given verbs.



## Andy Lau

Andy Lau  ① \_\_\_\_\_ (be) an actor and a singer for more than 30 years. He ② \_\_\_\_\_ (start) his career in 1981. Since then, he  ③ \_\_\_\_\_ (star) in more than 150 films. Because of his talent, he ④ \_\_\_\_\_ (win) Best Actor at the 31<sup>st</sup> Hong Kong Film Awards in 2012. He ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ (release) over 60 albums in Hong Kong, Taiwan and other Asian countries since 1985. He ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ (become) the first Asia Pacific Most Popular Male Singer in 1993. Besides, he ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ (establish) the 'Andy Lau Charity Foundation Limited' to help people in need in 1994. In 1999, he ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award because he has contributed a lot to the community. He is really an amazing idol!



## Proofreading

**D** Underline the mistakes in the numbered lines and write the correct answers on the lines.

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| 1. Jack : How often have you played the piano?           | 1. _____   |
| 2. Ann : I've play the piano for two years. How long has | 2. _____   |
| 3.        your father be a scientist?                    | 3. _____   |
| 4. Jack : He's been a scientist from 1997.               |  4. _____ |
| Ann : Wow! That's a long time.                           |  |
| 5. Jack : Yes, he spends six months in Switzerland doing |  5. _____ |
| research last year.                                      |  |



# Daily Life Grammar

**E** Mr Kim is reading a biography. Complete the biography with the help of the given words.

perform    decide    meet    marry    learn    ask    entertain

since    for    ago    in    last

## Adam Brown

Adam was born in London ① \_\_\_\_\_ 1980. He is a funny guy and can tell humorous tales. One day, he saw a magician performing all kinds of tricks on the street. He was fascinated by the magic so he ② \_\_\_\_\_ the magician to be his teacher. Later, Adam ③ \_\_\_\_\_ many different tricks from his teacher, including juggling, magic tricks and twisting balloons.



12 years ago, Adam ④ \_\_\_\_\_ to become a clown. He ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ people of all ages ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ many years. He ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ a singer, Karen Morris, in 2006. Two years later, Adam and Karen opened an entertainment company in London. They ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_ in many parties ⑨ \_\_\_\_\_ 2008. ⑩ \_\_\_\_\_ year, Adam held ten clown workshops in the UK. He plans to do more this year.

*'It's rewarding to see the smiles on people's faces. I'm so glad I ⑪ \_\_\_\_\_ my teacher, Magic Mike, 25 years ⑫ \_\_\_\_\_. Without him, I wouldn't be what I am today.'*

— Adam Brown