

12 Hall of Fame

Date : _____

Grade : _____



Grammar Notes

Present Perfect Tense 3

Question: How long

I want to be a storybook writer in the future. It **has been** my dream **for** fifteen years. I **have written** stories **since** I was six years old...



Wait, Ellie. **How long have you studied** Maths? You're just eleven years old.

We use 'How long' to ask about the length of time that people have done something.

How long

have

you

been

a chef?

has

he / she

We use the **present perfect tense** to talk about actions that began in the past and have continued up to the present.

I

have

been

a chef for twenty years.

He / She

has



Warm-up



Jasper is reading an interview in a magazine. Complete the interview with 'How long' and the correct form of the given verbs.

I = Interviewer; W = Wendy Lee

I : Wendy Lee is a famous Hong Kong cyclist. Hello, Wendy. ① _____

② _____ you _____ (live) in Hong Kong?

W : For my whole life! I ③ _____ (live) in Lok Fu since I was born.

I : Wow! ④ _____ ⑤ _____ you _____ (be) a cyclist?

W : I ⑥ _____ (practise) cycling since I was five. And then I

⑦ _____ (be) a professional cyclist since 2004. It ⑧ _____ (be) sixteen years already.

Practice



Ellie is doing a presentation about a local artist. Complete what she said with the correct prepositions of time and the correct form of the given verbs.

All about Julie Tam

Place of birth: Korea

Job: Sculptor

Pieces of artwork: about 30

Number of exhibitions joined: > 10

Member of Hong Kong Artist Association: 5 years



Hint: Q2 & 7

Are the blanks followed by a period of time or an exact point in time?



Julie Tam ① _____ (be) a sculptor ② _____ she was twenty years old. She will turn forty this year so she ③ _____ (work) in the art industry ④ _____ nearly twenty years. She ⑤ _____ (create) about thirty pieces of artwork and she ⑥ _____ (take) part in more than ten local and international art exhibitions ⑦ _____ she became a professional sculptor. She ⑧ _____ (join) the Hong Kong Artist Association ⑨ _____ five years. I admire her very much because her sculptures are inspiring!

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-6.

1. How often has Serina played tennis? She has played tennis 1. _____
2. since eight years. She has been a member of the Hong Kong 2. _____
3. Tennis Club for she was ten. Unfortunately, her coach had to 3. _____
4. retire last year due to injury. So, her uncle has become her ④ _____
5. new coach. To improve herself, she has joined the youth 5. _____
6. community tennis club for last year. So 6. _____
7. far, she has won the championships in 7. _____
8. several tournaments. 8. _____



Hint: Q4 & 6

Pay attention to the form of the verbs.



Grammar in Context



Text Type:

School newsletter article



Ellie is reading an article in the school newsletter. Complete the school newsletter article with the correct form of the given words.

how long

be dream have make teach

since for

think visit wait work

Rainbow Primary School Newsletter

April 20XX

An Afternoon with Mrs Cheung

Mrs Cheung will retire soon. Our student reporter had a great afternoon chatting with her.

R: Student reporter C: Mrs Cheung

R : Thank you for speaking with us today, Mrs Cheung. First of all,

① _____ have you taught in our school?

C : Well, let me think. I ② _____ an English teacher

③ _____ 1990, and I ④ _____ here

⑤ _____ I left my first job in 1993. So, I ⑥ _____ in this loving school ⑦ _____ about thirty years.

R : Oh, wow! You ⑧ _____ so much experience in teaching! We are grateful to have you as our teacher. By the way, ⑨ _____ you _____ of any plans after retiring? What do you want to do?

C : Actually, I ⑩ _____ some plans about travelling. I want to visit the countries that I ⑪ _____ never _____ before, for example, Greece, Spain and Peru. It's always been my dream.

R : That sounds wonderful! ⑫ _____ ⑬ _____ you _____ about travelling around the world?

C : Honestly, I have dreamt about this ⑭ _____ I was a little girl. It's great that I can finally make it come true after I ⑮ _____ ⑯ _____ so long.

R : Yes, Mrs Cheung. You deserve it. We wish you a happy retirement! All the best!



Hint: Q14 & 16

Is that a period of time or an exact point in time?

