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For How Long?

A. Find the past participle form of the verb in the box in the word search.

know	study
have	play
be	work
eat	live
do	take
wear	collect

W	E	K	H	W	O	E	S	W	M
O	E	A	H	A	D	N	S	U	T
R	D	N	T	R	L	S	T	M	N
N	K	E	W	E	T	T	U	D	D
Y	B	N	O	K	N	A	D	D	O
B	E	W	O	E	A	K	I	E	N
P	E	S	R	W	K	E	E	K	E
L	A	E	K	A	N	N	D	R	E
A	Y	T	N	D	E	W	I	O	E
P	L	A	Y	E	D	P	H	W	D
V	D	I	D	E	V	I	L	M	D
C	O	L	L	E	C	T	E	D	B

B. Complete the phrases with *for* or *since*.

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| 1. _____ <i>for</i> _____ a long time | 6. _____ <i>since</i> _____ the nineties |
| 2. _____ <i>since</i> _____ January | 7. _____ <i>for</i> _____ my birthday |
| 3. _____ <i>for</i> _____ three years | 8. _____ <i>for</i> _____ seven months |
| 4. _____ <i>for</i> _____ an hour | 9. _____ <i>since</i> _____ eight o'clock |
| 5. _____ <i>since</i> _____ last week | 10. _____ <i>since</i> _____ Tuesday |

C. Complete the sentences about yourself. Use *for* or *since*. *Answers will vary.*

- I have had my backpack _____
- I haven't been sick _____
- I haven't taken a vacation _____
- I have played _____
- I have used _____
- I have lived _____
- I _____ my best friend _____
- I _____ at this school _____



Ricky		for / since
languages	French	2010
hobby	collect key rings	junior high school
sports	soccer	6 years old
musical instrument	violin	9 months
favorite possession	bike	July
pets	a cat	8 years old
best friend	Carlos	3 years
girlfriend	Pauline	last summer

D. Complete the questions and the answers. Use the information in the table.

- How long has Ricky been learning French?
He has been learning French since 2010.
- How long has he been collecting key rings?
He has been collecting key rings since junior high school.
- How long has he been playing soccer?
He has been playing soccer since he was 6 years old.
- How long has he been playing the violin?
He has been playing the violin for 9 months.
- How long has he had his bike?
He has had his bike since July.
- How long has he had his cat?
He has had his cat since he was eight years old.
- How long has he been best friends with his friend Carlos?
He has been friends with Carlos for three years.
- How long has he had a girlfriend?
He has been seeing Pauline since last summer.



E. Put the conversation in order.

- Yes, I did.
- Have you looked under your bed?
- It's eight o'clock and you haven't had breakfast.
- Go and look under your bed. I'm sure it's there.
- I know, but I have a problem.
- No, I haven't, but I've looked everywhere else.
- Yes. I've lost my favorite pencil case. I've had it since I was a kid.
- Did you bring it home from school yesterday?
- What's the problem? Have you lost something again?
- I told you.
- You were right. I found it. It was under the bed.



F. Read the answers and write the questions. Look at Exercise E for help.

1. Q: What time is it?
A: It's eight o'clock.
2. Q: Has he had breakfast yet?
A: No, he hasn't. (He hasn't had breakfast.)
3. Q: What has he lost?
A: He lost his pencil case.
4. Q: How long has he had it?
A: He has had it since he was a kid.
5. Q: Did he bring it home from school?
A: Yes, he did. He bought his pencil case from school.
6. Q: Has he looked under his bed?
A: No, he hasn't looked under his bed.
7. Q: Has he found his pencil case?
A: Yes, he did. (He found his pencil case.)
8. Q: Where was it?
A: It was under his bed.

G. Complete the chart about yourself. *Answers will vary.*

You	What? / Who?	for / since
1. languages		
2. hobbies		
3. friends		
4. favorite music group		
5. household chores		

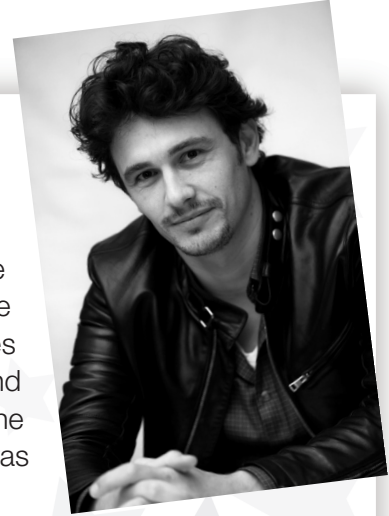
H. Write sentences about the information you wrote in Exercise G.

Answers will vary.

- I. Read the article and answer the questions.

Superstar James

The world has heard about the actor James Franco. He started acting in the late 1990s. He first gained attention in the United States in 2001, when he played the role of 50s acting idol James Dean. But he became famous internationally for his role in the *Spider-Man 2* film in 2004. Since then, his popularity has increased. He has starred in a wide range of roles over the years. He has played in comedies such as *Pineapple Express* and dramas such as *Milk*. Franco received an Oscar nomination in 2010 for the tense drama *127 Hours*. He played the challenging role of a climber who was trapped on a mountain. He was alone on the screen for most of the film.



His personality and good looks have gained him a huge number of fans. And his face is everywhere. He has appeared in Gucci advertisements since 2008, and he has appeared on the covers of many magazines.

Franco grew up in California, and he attended acting school there. He soon got roles on TV shows.

Since he gained fame, he hasn't just limited himself to acting and being a movie star. Recently he has attended classes in English and writing, and he has made several documentary films. He also has written a book of short stories, which was based on his teenage experiences. Some people have said that he has chosen to be an artist, and not just an actor.

Franco's career is skyrocketing, so look for him in future films and in commercials, as well for the films that he is making.

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| 1. For how long has James Franco been an actor? | 1. <i>Since the late 1990's</i> |
| 2. For what role did he become famous internationally? | 2. <i>Spider-Man 2</i> |
| 3. What kinds of roles has he played? | 3. <i>Comedies and dramas</i> |
| 4. For how long has he appeared in Gucci ads? | 4. <i>Since 2008.</i> |
| 5. What things has he done in addition to acting? | 5. <i>He has studied English and writing.</i> |

J. Writing Corner

Imagine an article appeared about you in a magazine. Write what the first paragraph it would say.

Answers will vary.
