

Chores – Chores – Chores

Since when haven't you ...?
How long haven't you ...?

Student A

Task 1: Are your parents nagging you to help more around the house? There are lots of chores we all like to put off to the next day and then the next day, and the next. Look at the list of chores below. Ask each other **since when** or **how long** you **haven't done** these chores to practise using the **present perfect** with **since** and **for**. When answering your partner's questions, always give a little more information. Three examples are given.

- feed the cat
- clean the windows
- walk the dog

Question: Since when haven't you fed the cat?

Answer: I **haven't fed** the cat since this morning. I have two cats and I feed them in the morning and in the evening.

Question: How long haven't you cleaned the windows?

Answer: I **haven't cleaned** the windows for a couple of months. I usually only clean them in spring and autumn.

Question: Since when haven't you walked the dog?

Answer: I **have never walked** a dog because I have got cats. 😊

Let's practise using **since** and **for** correctly first. Read out the time phrases underneath the examples to your partner and ask him or her to repeat them with the correct word **since** or **for**. You have the solutions and can correct your partner. Example:

since last Halloween

for two weeks

since I was a child

Student A: *last Halloween*

Student B: *since last Halloween* (Student B does not see or know what's coming! Student A and B have different worksheets.)

Student A: *two weeks*

Student B: *for two weeks* (Always make sure to repeat the whole phrase together with or and since to help your brain integrate the structures automatically.)

Time phrases for Student B:

since	my dog died	for	8 years	for	ages
for	half a year	since	I moved into our new house	for	a long time
for	quite a while	since	he had the accident	since	yesterday
since	I got Netflix	since	this morning	for	hours

Questions for Student B:

Since when / How long haven't you ... (+ past participle of the verb). Take turns starting your questions with 'Since when' or 'How long...':

1. empty the dishwasher or the wash dishes
2. vacuum the carpets or furniture (sofa, armchairs, etc.) in your lounge
3. change your bed sheets
4. take the trash out to the street for pick-up
5. mop the kitchen or bathroom floor
6. make lunch for your siblings
7. help weed the garden
8. rake or pick up the leaves on the lawn
9. water the outdoor plants or the vegetable garden
10. make your bed