



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:
 * use the present perfect tense in written & spoken language.



Let's study!

1. Use the *present perfect* with *since* or *for* to talk about something that began in the past and continues into the present (and may continue into the future).

Ex.
 Bob has been a skater *since* 2010. (He became a skater in 2010, and is still a skater.)

He has been a skater *for* many years. (He has been a skater many years ago, and is still a skater.)

2. Use *since* + *point in time* (since yesterday, since 5:00, since Monday, since 2017) to show when something started.

Ex.
 He has won many contests *since* 2014.

He has become famous *since then*.

Note: *Since* can also introduce a time clause.

Ex. He has loved the sports *since he was a child*.

3. Use *for* + *length of time* (for 10 minutes, for two weeks, for years, for a long time) to show how long something has lasted.

Ex. 1.)

Bob has owned a restaurant *for years*.

4. Form the present perfect with:

have + past participle

Ex.

He has lived there *for years*.

They have been skating partners *since 2010*.

Past participles can be regular or irregular.

He has loved the sports *since he was a kid*.

a. The regular form of the past participle is base form of verb + -d or -ed.

He has wanted to skate *for a long time*.

Note: There are often spelling changes when you add -ed to the verb.

He has bought two new skateboards *since March*.

b.) There are many irregular past participles.



Activity 1:

Complete these sentences using since or for.

1. Mariana Andrade has lived in Sao Paulo _____ 1995.
2. She has been a sportswriter _____ four years.
3. _____ June she has written several articles about skateboarding.
4. This sport has been very popular in Brazil _____ many years.
5. Mariana has met Burnquist twice _____ she started her job.
6. She loves to skate, but she hasn't skated _____ a long time.
7. She has been married to Alvaro, another skater, _____ 2003.
8. They've had their own house _____ two years, and they've been parents _____ July.



Activity 2

Make your own sentences present perfect + since/for. (Make as many sentence as you can.)