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Present perfect with *for* and *since*

1 Read about Frank and Margie. Then write sentences about them. Use the present perfect and *for* or *since*.



Frank met Margie fifty-one years ago in 1950. Now it's 2001.

- (1) They got married in 1951.
- (2) They moved to Scotland six months ago.
- (3) They went on holiday last Christmas.
- (4) Margie saw their children last year.
- (5) Frank bought his car a long time ago.

Frank (know) *has known* Margie for *fifty-one years*.

- 1 They (be married) _____
- 2 They (live) _____
- 3 They (not be) _____
- 4 Margie (not see) _____
- 5 Frank (have) _____

How long ...?

2 Look at the information about Jane and Martin, and Eve. Write *How long ...?* questions to match the answers.

Jane and Martin

live in Manchester - two years
are friends - January
study History - 1999

Eve

plays the piano - seven years old
has a dog - one month
teaches Music - six weeks

How long have they studied History?
Since 1999.

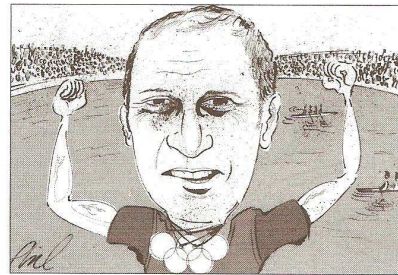
How long has she had a dog?
For one month.

- 1 _____?
Since she was seven years old.
- 2 _____?
For two years.
- 3 _____?
For six weeks.
- 4 _____?
Since January.

Present perfect and past simple

3 Complete the text. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

Steve Redgrave



Steve Redgrave (be) *has been* a rowing champion for more than twenty years.

Steve (1 start) _____ rowing when he was fourteen years old. He (2 realise) _____ very quickly that he was very good. He (3 leave) _____ school when he was sixteen to train full time. He (4 have) _____ a brilliant career since then and he (5 come) _____ first in lots of races.

It (6 not be) _____ easy for Steve for the last few years. In 1997, doctors (7 tell) _____ him that he had diabetes. But he (8 not stop) _____ rowing.

On the 24th September 2000, in Sydney, he (9 win) _____ his fifth gold medal. He (10 be) _____ thirty-eight years old!

Steve (11 show) _____ the world that having an illness doesn't stop you being a winner!