Prepositions of time: at, on, in, by, until, since, for

Look for a starting event or date, or for a length of time.

Use **since** before a date, time or past event that marks when the situation began. Use **for** before a duration.

Worked example

She has worked there **for** six months.

Complete each gap with since or for.

01. Nora no ha usado el coche desde 2020.
Nora has not used the car _____ 2020.

02. Nora no ha usado el coche desde el lunes.
Nora has not used the car _____ Monday.

03. Nora no ha usado el coche desde abril.
Nora has not used the car _____ April.

04. Nora no ha usado el coche desde el 1 de marzo.
Nora has not used the car _____ 1 March.

05. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde 2020.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ 2020.

06. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde el lunes.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ Monday.

07. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde abril.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ April.

08. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde el 1 de marzo.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ 1 March.

09. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde 2020.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ 2020.

10. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde el lunes.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ Monday.

11. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde abril.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ April.

12. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde el 1 de marzo.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ 1 March.

13. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde 2020.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ 2020.

14. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde el lunes.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ Monday.

15. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde abril.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ April.

16. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde el 1 de marzo.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ 1 March.

17. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde 2020.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ 2020.

18. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde el lunes.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ Monday.

19. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde abril.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ April.

20. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde el 1 de marzo.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ 1 March.

Choose since or for

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. Nora no ha usado el coche desde hace tres años.
Nora has not used the car _____ three years.

22. Nora no ha usado el coche desde hace dos semanas.
Nora has not used the car _____ two weeks.

23. Nora no ha usado el coche desde hace seis meses.
Nora has not used the car _____ six months.

24. Nora no ha usado el coche desde hace mucho tiempo.
Nora has not used the car _____ a long time.

25. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde hace tres años.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ three years.

26. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde hace dos semanas.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ two weeks.

27. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde hace seis meses.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ six months.

28. El restaurante sirve opciones vegetarianas desde hace mucho tiempo.
The restaurant has served vegetarian options _____ a long time.

29. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde hace tres años.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ three years.

30. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde hace dos semanas.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ two weeks.

31. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde hace seis meses.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ six months.

32. Mis vecinos tienen un perro desde hace mucho tiempo.
My neighbours have had a dog _____ a long time.

33. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde hace tres años.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ three years.

34. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde hace dos semanas.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ two weeks.

35. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde hace seis meses.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ six months.

36. El museo ha recibido más visitantes desde hace mucho tiempo.
The museum has welcomed more visitors _____ a long time.

37. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde hace tres años.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ three years.

38. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde hace dos semanas.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ two weeks.

39. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde hace seis meses.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ six months.

40. Sam está aprendiendo italiano desde hace mucho tiempo.
Sam has been learning Italian _____ a long time.

Answer key

Complete sentences. The time preposition that completes the gap is in bold.

01. Nora has not used the car **since** 2020.
02. Nora has not used the car **since** Monday.
03. Nora has not used the car **since** April.
04. Nora has not used the car **since** 1 March.
05. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **since** 2020.
06. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **since** Monday.
07. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **since** April.
08. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **since** 1 March.
09. My neighbours have had a dog **since** 2020.
10. My neighbours have had a dog **since** Monday.
11. My neighbours have had a dog **since** April.
12. My neighbours have had a dog **since** 1 March.
13. The museum has welcomed more visitors **since** 2020.
14. The museum has welcomed more visitors **since** Monday.
15. The museum has welcomed more visitors **since** April.
16. The museum has welcomed more visitors **since** 1 March.
17. Sam has been learning Italian **since** 2020.
18. Sam has been learning Italian **since** Monday.
19. Sam has been learning Italian **since** April.
20. Sam has been learning Italian **since** 1 March.
21. Nora has not used the car **for** three years.
22. Nora has not used the car **for** two weeks.
23. Nora has not used the car **for** six months.
24. Nora has not used the car **for** a long time.
25. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **for** three years.
26. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **for** two weeks.
27. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **for** six months.
28. The restaurant has served vegetarian options **for** a long time.
29. My neighbours have had a dog **for** three years.
30. My neighbours have had a dog **for** two weeks.
31. My neighbours have had a dog **for** six months.
32. My neighbours have had a dog **for** a long time.
33. The museum has welcomed more visitors **for** three years.
34. The museum has welcomed more visitors **for** two weeks.
35. The museum has welcomed more visitors **for** six months.
36. The museum has welcomed more visitors **for** a long time.
37. Sam has been learning Italian **for** three years.
38. Sam has been learning Italian **for** two weeks.
39. Sam has been learning Italian **for** six months.
40. Sam has been learning Italian **for** a long time.