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

Use the meaning of the whole sentence to select the time preposition.

Review the time expressions and contrasts from the previous practices.

Worked example

Our course begins **in** September.

Complete each gap with the correct preposition.

01. Hemos tenido esta mesa desde hace tres años.
We have had this table _____ three years.

02. Hemos tenido esta mesa desde hace dos semanas.
We have had this table _____ two weeks.

03. Hemos tenido esta mesa desde hace seis meses.
We have had this table _____ six months.

04. Hemos tenido esta mesa desde hace mucho tiempo.
We have had this table _____ a long time.

05. El sendero ha estado cerrado desde 2020.
The path has been closed _____ 2020.

06. El sendero ha estado cerrado desde el lunes.
The path has been closed _____ Monday.

07. El sendero ha estado cerrado desde abril.
The path has been closed _____ April.

08. El sendero ha estado cerrado desde el 1 de marzo.
The path has been closed _____ 1 March.

09. La entrevista de trabajo es el lunes.
The job interview is _____ Monday.

10. La entrevista de trabajo es el martes.
The job interview is _____ Tuesday.

11. La entrevista de trabajo es el 14 de abril.
The job interview is _____ 14 April.

12. La entrevista de trabajo es el 3 de noviembre.
The job interview is _____ 3 November.

13. El personal de limpieza empieza su turno a las seis.
The cleaning staff start their shift _____ six.

14. El personal de limpieza empieza su turno a las siete y media.
The cleaning staff start their shift _____ half past seven.

15. El personal de limpieza empieza su turno al mediodía.
The cleaning staff start their shift _____ noon.

16. El personal de limpieza empieza su turno a las ocho y cuarto.
The cleaning staff start their shift _____ quarter past eight.

17. Las obras de la estación comenzaron en abril.
Work on the station began _____ April.

18. Las obras de la estación comenzaron en septiembre.
Work on the station began _____ September.

19. Las obras de la estación comenzaron en 2024.
Work on the station began _____ 2024.

20. Las obras de la estación comenzaron en invierno.
Work on the station began _____ winter.

Mixed practice

Continue. Complete only the gap in English.

21. El restaurante acepta reservas hasta las seis.
The restaurant is taking bookings _____ six.

22. El restaurante acepta reservas hasta el martes.
The restaurant is taking bookings _____ Tuesday.

23. El restaurante acepta reservas hasta finales de agosto.
The restaurant is taking bookings _____ the end of August.

24. El restaurante acepta reservas hasta medianoche.
The restaurant is taking bookings _____ midnight.

25. Envía el presupuesto actualizado como muy tarde el viernes para que el cliente pueda revisarlo.
Send the updated estimate _____ Friday so the client can review it.

26. Envía el presupuesto actualizado como muy tarde al mediodía del lunes para que el cliente pueda revisarlo.
Send the updated estimate _____ noon on Monday so the client can review it.

27. Envía el presupuesto actualizado no más tarde del 30 de junio para que el cliente pueda revisarlo.
Send the updated estimate _____ 30 June so the client can review it.

28. Envía el presupuesto actualizado a más tardar a las cinco para que el cliente pueda revisarlo.
Send the updated estimate _____ five o'clock so the client can review it.

29. Mi hermana ha trabajado en el hospital desde hace tres años.
My sister has worked at the hospital _____ three years.

30. Mi hermana ha trabajado en el hospital desde hace dos semanas.
My sister has worked at the hospital _____ two weeks.

31. Mi hermana ha trabajado en el hospital desde hace seis meses.
My sister has worked at the hospital _____ six months.

32. Mi hermana ha trabajado en el hospital desde hace mucho tiempo.
My sister has worked at the hospital _____ a long time.

33. No se ha visto a ningún delfín cerca de la costa desde 2020.
No dolphins have been seen near the coast _____ 2020.

34. No se ha visto a ningún delfín cerca de la costa desde el lunes.
No dolphins have been seen near the coast _____ Monday.

35. No se ha visto a ningún delfín cerca de la costa desde abril.
No dolphins have been seen near the coast _____ April.

36. No se ha visto a ningún delfín cerca de la costa desde el 1 de marzo.
No dolphins have been seen near the coast _____ 1 March.

37. El club organiza una jornada de puertas abiertas el lunes.
The club is holding an open day _____ Monday.

38. El club organiza una jornada de puertas abiertas el martes.
The club is holding an open day _____ Tuesday.

39. El club organiza una jornada de puertas abiertas el 14 de abril.
The club is holding an open day _____ 14 April.

40. El club organiza una jornada de puertas abiertas el 3 de noviembre.
The club is holding an open day _____ 3 November.

Answer key

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

01. We have had this table **for** three years.
02. We have had this table **for** two weeks.
03. We have had this table **for** six months.
04. We have had this table **for** a long time.
05. The path has been closed **since** 2020.
06. The path has been closed **since** Monday.
07. The path has been closed **since** April.
08. The path has been closed **since** 1 March.
09. The job interview is **on** Monday.
10. The job interview is **on** Tuesday.
11. The job interview is **on** 14 April.
12. The job interview is **on** 3 November.
13. The cleaning staff start their shift **at** six.
14. The cleaning staff start their shift **at** half past seven.
15. The cleaning staff start their shift **at** noon.
16. The cleaning staff start their shift **at** quarter past eight.
17. Work on the station began **in** April.
18. Work on the station began **in** September.
19. Work on the station began **in** 2024.
20. Work on the station began **in** winter.
21. The restaurant is taking bookings **until** six.
22. The restaurant is taking bookings **until** Tuesday.
23. The restaurant is taking bookings **until** the end of August.
24. The restaurant is taking bookings **until** midnight.
25. Send the updated estimate **by** Friday so the client can review it.
26. Send the updated estimate **by** noon on Monday so the client can review it.
27. Send the updated estimate **by** 30 June so the client can review it.
28. Send the updated estimate **by** five o’clock so the client can review it.
29. My sister has worked at the hospital **for** three years.
30. My sister has worked at the hospital **for** two weeks.
31. My sister has worked at the hospital **for** six months.
32. My sister has worked at the hospital **for** a long time.
33. No dolphins have been seen near the coast **since** 2020.
34. No dolphins have been seen near the coast **since** Monday.
35. No dolphins have been seen near the coast **since** April.
36. No dolphins have been seen near the coast **since** 1 March.
37. The club is holding an open day **on** Monday.
38. The club is holding an open day **on** Tuesday.
39. The club is holding an open day **on** 14 April.
40. The club is holding an open day **on** 3 November.