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Subject: English

Aspect: Grammar Skills

Topic: Use of 'Since' and 'For'

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Grade/Sec.: VIII.....

Learning objective:

By the end of this module, students will be able to use 'since' and 'for' in sentences of their own and also will be able to differentiate between the usage of the two in different times stated in a sentence.

Use of 'Since'

'SINCE' is used for a starting point, a specific time.

- Since Monday,
- Since 1997,
- Since the last war.
- Since the day we met.

Since expresses duration up to the present.

When we use **since**, we are saying that something began in the past and is unfinished:

For example:

1. I have lived in this house since 1997.

(= 'I moved here in 1997 and I still live here.')

2. We've been married since last June.

(= 'We got married last June and we're still married.')

3. I've known him since we were at school.

(= 'I knew him at school and I still know him.')

We use the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous with since:

For example:

1. I have had this car since last April.
2. Mary has been working here since 2003.

We can use the past perfect tense with since to express duration from a point in the past:

For example:

1. It was 1974, and he had been living in London since 1964.

'Since' Vs 'For'

'FOR' is used for general periods of time. It's to express duration.

- For three days,
- For a week,
- For several years,
- For two centuries.

Since and **for** both express duration up to a point in the present, but we use them differently.

We use **since + the starting point of the activity:**

For example:

1. We have lived in this house **since** we got married.
2. I've been waiting here **since** 9 o'clock.

We use **for + a time period**:

For example:

1. We have lived in this house **for** thirty years.
2. I've been waiting here **for** three hours.

'Since' Vs 'From

We use **since** and **from** to express duration. Both tell us the starting point of an activity.

Since expresses duration of an unfinished action, up to a point in the present:

For example:

1. I've been here **since 8 o'clock this morning** so I'm going home now.

~~I've been here from 8 o'clock this morning.~~

We use **from** in other cases:

For example:

1. I will be here **from 8 o'clock tomorrow**.

~~I will be here since 8 o'clock tomorrow.~~

2. The shop is open **from 9 a.m. on Saturdays**.

~~The shop is open since 9 a.m. on Saturdays.~~

We say **from . . . to** or **from . . . till / until**:

For example:

1. He works **from 8 to 5 o'clock**.
2. **From** the 1920s **until** his death, Picasso lived in France.