Activity Type

Grammar Game: matching (pair work)

Focus

For and *since*

Aim

To practice completing sentences with *for* or *since* and time expressions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the sentence cards and time expression cards for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this *for* and *since* game, students practice completing sentences with *for* or *since* and time expressions.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of sentence cards and time expression cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the two sets of cards separately and spread them out face-down on the table in two sets.

Students then take turns to turn over one sentence card and one time expression card.

If the time expression matches and can be used to form an appropriate sentence, the student reads the sentence aloud using *for* or *since*, keeps the two cards and has another turn.

If the cards don't match or a sentence is formed incorrectly, the student turns the two cards back over, keeping them in the same place.

It's then the other student's turn to play.

The game continues until all the cards have been matched.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

She has played the piano...	He has been sleeping...
I haven't eaten...	He has been playing golf every day
William has lived in America...	The baby has been crying...
Noriko has worked here...	He has been swimming...
David has been away camping...	Ali hasn't watched TV...
Maria has done taekwondo...	It has been raining...
They have been married...	I have been waiting...
It has been so long...	They haven't talked to each other...
Ana has been playing video games...	Juan has been sleeping on the bus...
Li has been in the shower...	Elena hasn't gone to the dentist...

two years	Saturday	an hour	this morning
a few minutes	elementary school	I saw her	a decade
he retired	a long time	six months	2015
last Tuesday	12 hours	a couple of weeks	last night
ages	she left school	last month	a week