Grammar EXTRA! Worksheet 2

Present perfect with *for* and *since*
Present perfect or simple past?

1a Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

   1 I've been here _____ yesterday.

   2 She's been living in Los Angeles _____ 2002.

   3 I've been learning English _____ three years.

   4 He's been swimming every day _____ he was ten.

   5 He's been a professional coach _____ ten years.

   6 I've lived in the same town _____ a long time.

b Complete the grammar summary below with *for* or *since*.

   a   We use _____ to talk about something from a point in time.

   b   We use _____ to talk about something for a length of time / duration.

2 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses and *for* or *since*.

INTERVIEWER   Ben, how long have you been swimming?

BEN   Well, I started swimming when I was eight, so I've been swimming (**1**) _____ 14 years.

INTERVIEWER   And when (**2**) _____ (do) you start swimming in competitions?

BEN   I (**3**) _____ (enter) my first competition when I was ten.

INTERVIEWER   (**4**) _____ (do) you win?

BEN   No, I didn't. I (**5**) _____ (win) my first race when I was twelve, it was fantastic.

INTERVIEWER   And how many times have you won (**6**) _____ then?

BEN   Oh! Lots of times. I've (**7**) _____ (swim) in so many races I can't remember.

INTERVIEWER   What is the best moment so far?

BEN   When I (**8**) _____ (be) in the Olympic Games™.

INTERVIEWER   Yes, I remember, you won a medal.

BEN   That's right. I won a bronze medal.

3 Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentences.

   1 She has won her first race five years ago.

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   2 She has been running for she was 12.

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   3 When have you start your new job?

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   4 I've dreamed of winning a medal since a long time.

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   5 I been skiing last year.

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   6 I started learning English for a long time ago.

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