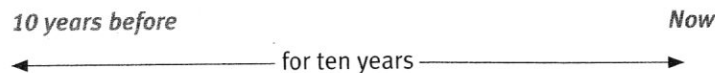
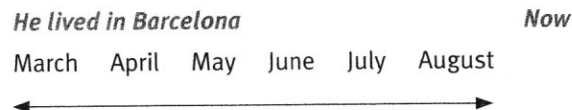


USES 1 *for*

We use *for* to refer to a length of time, either with the present perfect or past simple.
She's known him **for** ten years. (from the past until now)



When he was a student, he lived in Barcelona **for** six months. (in the past)



2 *since*

We use the present perfect + *since* to point to the beginning of a period of past time.
This period continues up to the present.

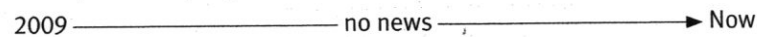
She's been in charge of the department **since** last year.

Start of the period



I haven't had any news from her **since** she left the company.

She left the company



3 *ago*

Ago means 'before now'. We always use *ago* with a period of time + the past simple.

She left five minutes **ago**.

We updated the procedure **two months ago**.

'How long **ago** was your last pay rise?' 'It was **a year ago**.'

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Circle the correct form of the verbs in this letter from the editor of a popular magazine.

Editorial

Thank you for purchasing the latest New Year edition of *Mission Accomplished* magazine. Last year we (sold) / have sold¹ a record number of issues. We want to give you even better value for money this year.

As you can see, we changed / have changed² things a bit. Stories about management and leadership moved / have moved³ to the back of the magazine into a separate section called Strategy. We added / have added⁴ a number of extra articles on finance and accounting. Careful readers will also notice that we changed / have changed⁵ our typeface so the pages now have a more elegant look. But most of the work came / has come⁶ from our art department under the creative leadership of Mike Tynsdale. A big thank you to Mike and his team.

Last month we featured / have featured⁷ stories about the financial crisis in 2009. This month we included / have included⁸ stories about entrepreneurs who say what they are doing now to provide full employment and maximise profits. Enjoy!

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