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Terminales

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Lesson 14- GRAMMAR

ADVERBS AND TIME EXPRESSIONS: FOR, SINCE, AGO, AFTER, AFTERWARDS, ETC.

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to use for, since, ago, after and afterwards correctly to express duration, starting points and the order of events.

En français : À la fin de cette leçon, tu dois pouvoir utiliser correctement ces expressions pour parler de la durée, du point de départ et de l'ordre des actions.

1. For – duration

FOR is used to express a period or duration of time. → FOR indique pendant combien de temps.

- for two hours → pendant deux heures
- for three days → pendant trois jours
- for a long time → pendant longtemps
- I have studied English for five years.

2. Since – starting point

SINCE is used to indicate the starting point of an action or situation. → SINCE indique depuis quand.

- since Monday → depuis lundi
- since 2024 → depuis 2024
- since morning → depuis ce matin
- She has lived here since 2020.

3. For or since?

Expression	Use	Example
FOR	Duration / period	for two weeks
SINCE	Starting point	since Monday

Remember: FOR + period of time. SINCE + starting point.

4. Ago – time before

AGO shows how long before the present moment something happened. It is generally used with the simple past.

- two days ago → il y a deux jours
- a year ago → il y a un an
- I saw him three days ago.
- She finished school two years ago.

5. After – later than an event

AFTER is used before a noun, pronoun or clause to show that one event happens later than another.

- after school → après l'école
- after the meeting → après la réunion
- After I finished my work, I went home.

6. Afterwards – later / after that

AFTERWARDS means 'later' or 'after that'. It can stand alone and does not need a noun after it.

- We finished the meeting. Afterwards, we went home.
- She studied and afterwards watched television.

7. After or afterwards

AFTER is normally followed by something: after school, after the lesson, after I arrived.

AFTERWARDS can be used alone: We finished the lesson. Afterwards, we went home.

8. Common errors

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| ✗ I have lived here since five years. | ✓ I have lived here for five years. |
| ✗ I have lived here for 2020. | ✓ I have lived here since 2020. |
| ✗ I saw him since two days. | ✓ I saw him two days ago. |
| ✗ Afterwards the lesson, we went home. | ✓ After the lesson, we went home. |

9. Practice exercise

Complete with: for – since – ago – after – afterwards.

1. I have studied English _____ three years.
2. She has lived in Yaoundé _____ 2022.
3. We met two weeks _____.
4. _____ the lesson, the students went home.
5. We finished our work. _____, we played football.
6. He has waited _____ two hours.
7. They have known each other _____ Monday.

Remember

FOR = DURATION • SINCE = STARTING POINT • AGO = BEFORE NOW • AFTER = FOLLOWED BY AN EVENT/THING • AFTERWARDS = AFTER THAT



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