

Expressing Time

Hello and welcome back, in this lesson we will be looking at words related to time and age.

We will learn how to express how much time has passed, how old things are and how much time has passed.



RECAP

Talking about age:

When we talk about someone's age, we use '**of age**' or '**old**'.

*She is a teacher and is only twenty-four years **of age**.* (more formal)

*She is a teacher and is only twenty-four years **old**.* (less formal)



Asking someone's age:

When asking questions about someone's age or the age of a thing, we don't normally use *age*.

We say '***How old ...***'?

How old are you?



Not: What is your age?



Talking about a period of time

We can use **for** with the **present perfect** to say how long something has happened.

I have known him for 22 years.



Talking about when the action started.

We can use **since** with the **present perfect** to say how long something has happened.

I have known him since 1980.



The meaning is the same. **For** is used to talk about a period of time, **since** to talk about when the action started.

Ago:

Ago is more often used with the **past simple** to say when something started.

*She started her own business
six months ago.*



*The first book was printed
over 500 years ago.*



Difference between 'since' and 'ago'?

Since tells us the starting point of an action which is still continuing now. **Ago** tells us the starting point of an action which is finished.

I have lived in this city since 1980.

I left Denver to come here over twenty years ago.

