

## UNIT 3 since, ever since

'since' and 'ever since' are used in similar ways. Both are used to show that time has elapsed between two events.

'since' and 'ever since' can also be used to show that one event was the reason for another.

Both 'since' and 'ever since' can be found at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence.

**Example A**

Farah was sent to the hospital last week. Farah is still at the hospital now.

**Answer**

Farah has been in the hospital **since** last week.

**NOTE:**

The tense changes from 'was' in the given sentence to 'has been' in the answer. This shows that Farah was in the hospital from then until now.

**Example B**

George is a changed person. George changed when he met Mathilda.

**Answer**

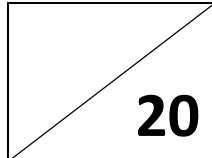
Ever since George met Mathilda, he has been a changed person.

**NOTE:**

The name 'George' is mentioned one time only. When we refer to the same person again, we use the pronoun 'he'.

**Exercise**

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

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1. It was raining. We could not play soccer. We went home.

\_\_\_\_\_ since

2. From the time his pet parakeet died, Robert has been depressed.

\_\_\_\_\_ ever since

3. Portia tried durian for the first time last year. Portia has not had another taste of durians.

Ever since \_\_\_\_\_

4. When did you last go for a swim?

\_\_\_\_\_ since

\*5. Esther first played the violin when she was ten years old

\_\_\_\_\_ since

6. Tanya went on vacation last week. Tanya has not contacted us.

\_\_\_\_\_ since

7. Dan has been putting on airs the moment he was promoted to manager

Ever since \_\_\_\_\_

8. Jack could not take part in the marathon because he broke his leg last month.

Since \_\_\_\_\_

9. The tree was just a sapling two years ago. It started blooming then.

\_\_\_\_\_ ever since

\*10. Charlie took up mountain climbing after he recovered from his operation last May. Mountain climbing gave him a new perspective on life.

\_\_\_\_\_ ever since