

I haven't seen you for ages!

Teacher's Notes

Target Structure:	Present Perfect Simple
Vocabulary:	General
Level:	Upper Elementary to Intermediate
Time:	20 minutes+
Preparation:	None

Suggested Teaching Method:

This handout deals with one specific use of the Present Perfect: I haven't XXXed for + time. It also provides good practice of For / Since. (*For* is a length of time; *since* is a point of time.)

- 1 Give one copy of the handout to each student. Ask them to read part one. Check understanding – ask when the person in the diagram last played tennis.
- 2 Follow the instructions. Do the first one as an example. Students should work alone, and then check in pairs.
- 3 Follow the instructions. Students should work alone, and then share their sentences with a different partner.

Answer Key (other answers are possible)

- 1 Give one copy of the handout to each student. Ask them to read part one. Check understanding – ask when the person in the diagram last played tennis.
- 2
 1. I haven't been to an Italian restaurant for ages.
 2. I haven't played soccer for 10 years.
 3. I haven't been to the movies for about 6 months.
 4. I haven't checked my email since this morning.
 5. I haven't studied Geography since I was in high school.
- 3 Follow the instructions. Students should work alone, and then share their sentences with a different partner.

Additional Info



Ideas

- Do you find teaching the Present Perfect a nightmare?! Check out our other handouts, and have a look at the book recommendations. We know a couple of grammar reference books which can make teaching this structure a cinch!
- Check out www.handoutsonline.com for more telephone English resources. Enter some keywords in the search box on the home page.
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