

PET COMMON WRITING MISTAKES 2

During, for or since?

1. **Instructions:** Read sentences a–c and then match them to the extracts, 1–3. Complete the extracts by writing during, for, or since in each gap.

- a Dimitri has been playing tennis for two hours.
b Pavla's telephone started ringing during the lesson.
c Raoul has been studying here since the beginning of July.

- 1 Use to say 'from a time in the past until now'.
2 Use to say how long something happens or continues.
3 Use to talk about a period of time when something happens.

2. **Instructions:** Three of the sentences below contain mistakes made by intermediate students. Two sentences are correct (✓). Find and correct the mistakes.

Example: Vanessa has been abroad during a long time but now she's back.

- 1 Pierre was stopped by the police and now he can't drive his car during three months.
2 During my cycling holiday it rained for two weeks but even so it was great.
3 I haven't seen my friends since two years and I'm longing to see them again.
4 Can I borrow your car? I'll only need it for a week.
5 I've been studying here for last January.

3. **Instructions:** Complete the questions and answers below by writing during, for, or since in each gap.

Example: "How long have you lived here?" – "...for... 7 years."

- 1 "How long have you known how to ride a bicycle?" – "..... I was 6 years old."
2 "What are you planning to do your summer holidays?" – "I'm planning to travel round India."
3 "How long have you been learning English?" – "..... 2006." Speaking extension

ANSWERS

1.
 - 1 since
 - 2 for
 - 3 during

2.
 - 1 during for
 - 2 ✓
 - 3 since for
 - 4 ✓
 - 5 for since

3.
 - 1 since
 - 2 during
 - 3 since