

An Old Friend: For, Since, and Ago

I think that every English teacher has a few mistakes that they really hate to hear. We call them '*pet peeves*' in English—it's a word meaning the things we seem to love hating—and today we're going to talk about one of my pet peeves: the words for, since, and ago.

I should say that I teach in Germany. And the word for 'since' and 'ago' is the same in German, so my students confuse the English words often. So, this is one of the topics that I'm really crazy about in English lessons!

Before Listening to the Recording

Think about your best friend. When did you meet him or her? How long have you been friends? Now think about the time you were in school. How many years were you in school? Are you in school now? When was this?

When you have the answers to these questions—at least in your native language—start the recording.

After the Recording

Okay. Let's review the questions we had before the recording. Are you ready to say in English when you met your best friend? How long have you been friends? When were you in school? How many years were you in school?

How many other examples can you think of to use 'for,' 'since,' and 'ago?'