

EXERCICIOS FEITOS

POLO ALUMNO 2

Prepositions of time

Prepositions of time *for, since, ago, during, by, until*

We use *for* and *since* to say how long something continues. We use *for* + a period of time, and *since* + a point of time.

*She's been learning English **for** three months.*

*He's lived in London **since** 1998.*

We use *ago* to talk about a point of time in the past.

*They got married two years **ago**.*

We use *during* to say that something happens in the middle of a certain period or event.

*Sue fainted **during** the pop concert.*

We use *by* to say 'not later than'.

*'You must finish your homework **by** Friday,' said the teacher.*

We use *until* to say how long something continues and when it finishes.

*Tom stayed out **until** one o'clock in the morning.*

1 Complete the sentences with *for, since* or *ago*. **ASDFDFS GFADS**

- 1 He's been a computer programmer **SADF** ... he left school.
- 2 They hadn't seen each other **SADF** ... many years.
- 3 Man first walked on the moon over thirty years **SDFSAD**
- 4 The pop concert went on **AFSD** ... three hours.
- 5 Paul visited his relatives in Australia a couple of years **ASDF** ...

2 Complete the sentences with *for* or *during*.

- 1 Graham has been travelling around Europe ... **ASFDADSF** ... three months.
- 2 Three people were arrested the student demonstration.
- 3 I fell asleep a flight to New York. When I woke up the plane had landed.

3 Complete the sentences with *by* or *until*.

- 1 The football match won't begin ... **FFFF** ... eight o'clock.
- 2 **FFF** ... 2004, everyone will be using the Internet.
- 3 Fiona didn't stop reading ... **FFF** ... she had finished the book.
- 4 I have to be at the train station ... **FFF** 6.30 p.m.
- 5 Tim had to finish the painting **FFFF** the end of the week.
- 6 My parents are away **FFF** next week. Why don't we have a party?
- 7 I'll be twenty-one in the year 2006. **FFF** ... then I'll probably have a job, and I may even be married!
- 8 I can't come out ... **FFF** I finished writing this essay.

4 Complete the newspaper extracts with *for, since, ago, during, by* and *until*.

Cinema is celebrating another birthday. Exactly 105 years 1... **FFF** , the Lumière brothers opened the first cinema in Paris. 2..... then, cinema has become the most popular entertainment in the world.

An earthquake hit Tokyo 3..... **FFF** ... the early hours of this morning. It is the first earthquake 4..... **FFFF** several years and has caused millions of pounds worth of damage.

5... **FFF** the year 2010, the Hilton Group plans to open a hotel on the moon. A holiday there could cost up to £20,000. Experts say that 6..... **FFF** there is a cheaper way of getting there, most of the rooms will be empty.