Present Perfect: For vs Since

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1.   I have lived here ____ ten years.
   a) since   b) for
   c) during   d) from

2.   She has worked at this company ____ 2015.
   a) during   b) for
   c) from   d) since

3.   They have been married ____ a long time.
   a) from   b) since
   c) during   d) for

4.   We haven't seen each other ____ last summer.
   a) during   b) from
   c) for   d) since

5.   He has known her ____ they were children.
   a) from   b) during
   c) for   d) since

6.   I have been waiting ____ two hours!
   a) from   b) during
   c) since   d) for

7.   She hasn't eaten anything ____ breakfast.
   a) from   b) since
   c) during   d) for

8.   The shop has been closed ____ three days.
   a) since   b) from
   c) during   d) for

9.   We have lived in this house ____ we got married.
   a) since   b) for
   c) from   d) during

10. He has played the guitar ____ many years.
   a) for   b) since
   c) from   d) during

11. I haven't heard from him ____ his birthday.
   a) for   b) during
   c) from   d) since

12. They have studied English ___ six months.
   a) for
   b) from
   c) since
   d) during

13. She has been ill ___ Monday.
   a) from
   b) during
   c) for
   d) since

14. I have had this car ___ about five years.
   a) from
   b) during
   c) for
   d) since

15. We haven't had a holiday ___ ages!
   a) during
   b) since
   c) for
   d) from

16. He has been the manager ___ January.
   a) since
   b) from
   c) for
   d) during

17. I have been learning French ___ I was ten.
   a) during
   b) from
   c) since
   d) for

18. The meeting has lasted ___ three hours.
   a) for
   b) from
   c) during
   d) since

19. She has worked as a nurse ___ she left university.
   a) during
   b) for
   c) from
   d) since

20. I haven't seen that film ___ a long time.
   a) during
   b) since
   c) for
   d) from

Answers

1. b) for
2. d) since
3. d) for
4. d) since
5. d) since
6. d) for
7. b) since
8. d) for
9. a) since
10. a) for
11. d) since
12. a) for
13. d) since
14. c) for
15. c) for
16. a) since
17. c) since
18. a) for
19. d) since
20. c) for

Explanations

1. "for" (b)
'Ten years' is a duration (period of time), so use 'for'.

2. "since" (d)
'2015' is a point in time (when she started), so use 'since'.

3. "for" (d)
'A long time' is a duration, so use 'for'.

4. "since" (d)
'Last summer' is a point in time, so use 'since'.

5. "since" (d)
'They were children' refers to a point in time (when they met), so use 'since'.

6. "for" (d)
'Two hours' is a duration, so use 'for'.

7. "since" (b)
'Breakfast' is a point in time (when she last ate), so use 'since'.

8. "for" (d)
'Three days' is a duration, so use 'for'.

9. "since" (a)
'We got married' refers to a point in time (when we moved in), so use 'since'.

10. "for" (a)
'Many years' is a duration, so use 'for'.

11. "since" (d)
'His birthday' is a point in time, so use 'since'.

12. "for" (a)
'Six months' is a duration, so use 'for'.

13. "since" (d)
'Monday' is a point in time (when she became ill), so use 'since'.

14. "for" (c)
'About five years' is a duration, so use 'for'.

15. "for" (c)
'Ages' means a very long time (duration), so use 'for'.

16. "since" (a)
'January' is a point in time (when he became manager), so use 'since'.

17. "since" (c)
'I was ten' refers to a point in time (when I started learning), so use 'since'.

18. "for" (a)

'Three hours' is a duration, so use 'for'.

19. "since" (d)

'She left university' refers to a point in time (when she started working), so use 'since'.

20. "for" (c)

'A long time' is a duration, so use 'for'.