

12. I have known about this ____ a very long time.
a) for
c) from
b) since
d) during
13. He has been depressed ____ he lost his job.
a) for
c) since
b) during
d) from
14. We haven't had a holiday ____ ages.
a) from
c) during
b) since
d) for
15. The train runs ____ 6 a.m. to midnight.
a) from
c) for
b) since
d) during
16. I have been studying Japanese ____ I moved to Tokyo.
a) for
c) from
b) during
d) since
17. The company has grown significantly ____ it went public in 2015.
a) since
c) from
b) over
d) for
18. She has been my best friend ____ childhood.
a) during
c) since
b) for
d) from
19. They have owned this house ____ more than twenty years.
a) since
c) during
b) from
d) for
20. I haven't heard from him ____ he left the country.
a) since
c) from
b) for
d) during



Answers

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



Explanations

1. “from” (c)

Use 'from...to' to indicate a range with a start and end point. 'Since' wouldn't work here because we need 'to' for the end time.

2. “since” (b)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'The beginning of the year' marks when you started.

3. “for” (c)

Use 'for' with a duration. 'Weeks' tells us how long she hasn't called.

4. “from” (d)

Use 'from...to' for a range of time with start and end points.

5. “since” (a)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'He woke up' is when the headache started.

6. “for” (b)

Use 'for' with a duration. 'Over an hour' describes how long you've waited.

7. “from” (c)

Use 'from...until' to show a range of time. We're describing when it starts and ends being closed.

8. “since” (d)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'Last summer' is a specific reference point.

9. “for” (a)

Use 'for' with a duration. 'Many years' is a period of time.

10. “since” (b)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'The party' marks when she started feeling unwell.

11. “for” (c)

Use 'for' with a duration to show how long the meeting took.

12. “for” (a)

Use 'for' with a duration. 'A very long time' is a period, not a specific point.

13. “since” (c)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'He lost his job' marks the starting point of his depression.

14. “for” (d)

Use 'for' with a duration. 'Ages' means a very long time.

15. “from” (a)

Use 'from...to' for a range showing start and end times of service.

16. “since” (d)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'I moved to Tokyo' is when you started studying.

17. “since” (a)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'It went public in 2015' marks when the significant growth began.

18. “since” (c)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'Childhood' marks when the friendship began.

19. “for” (d)

Use 'for' with a duration. 'More than twenty years' tells us how long.

20. “since” (a)

Use 'since' with a point in time. 'He left the country' is the last contact point.