

Time Clue Mystery Answer Key

Corrected Paragraph: Detective Jamie has worked on mystery cases **since** 2019. She has solved over twenty tricky puzzles **for** five years. Her partner, Detective Alex, has helped her **for** a long time. They have chased clues in the old library **for** two days, and they haven't stopped thinking about the missing diamond **since** last Friday. Jamie has known the museum guard **for** ten years and believes he has been acting strangely **since** yesterday.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Builds understanding of how **for** shows the length of time and **since** identifies a starting point in time, applied within paragraph editing.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For struggling learners, highlight time phrases first before identifying whether they show duration or a starting point.
 - Provide sentence strips with mixed examples and let students sort them into **for** and **since** columns before tackling the paragraph.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students wear "detective badges" and mark each time error they find with a magnifying glass cutout.
 - Encourage pairs to write their own "mystery case" paragraphs filled with time preposition mix-ups for others to solve.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask advanced learners to explain the reasoning for each correction using full sentences.
 - Integrate a creative writing task where students write a short detective story using both **for** and **since** accurately at least five times.