

Reflections Over Time Answer Key

Sample Responses

Part 1 Example: I've been learning to play guitar **for** two years. It was hard at first, but I've gotten better each month. Practicing every evening helps me relax after school. I plan to keep improving **for** many more years.

Part 2 Example: I've been part of the art club **since** September. **Since** that time, I've made new friends and discovered a love for painting. Joining the club has helped me become more confident in sharing my work. It's been an amazing journey **since** it all began.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Encourages students to differentiate between **for** (duration) and **since** (starting point) while developing reflective, narrative writing.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide sentence starters ("I have been... for...", "I have enjoyed... since...") for students needing structure.
 - Offer advanced learners the option to expand each journal into multiple paragraphs.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students share one sentence from each journal aloud without saying which preposition they used; classmates guess if it's **for** or **since**.
 - Pair students to exchange journals and highlight all time expressions they find.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Challenge students to revise one journal entry by switching **for** to **since** (or vice versa) and adjusting the sentence meaning correctly.
 - Ask them to write a reflective closing paragraph comparing how **for** and **since** change the way they express time in their writing.