

Formal Time Transformations Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. I have waited **for** an extended period to receive an update regarding my application.
2. She has been employed at that store **for** a considerable length of time.
3. We have engaged in study **for** several consecutive hours, resulting in mental fatigue.
4. He has resided in that apartment **since** his childhood.
5. I have been engaged in gaming **for** an excessive duration.
6. They have been acquainted **since** their middle school years.
7. I have experienced concern about the results **for** several days.
8. My cousin has participated in the debate club **since** the previous academic year.
9. We have organized this trip **for** several months.
10. She has possessed the same phone **since** her freshman year.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Strengthens understanding of **for** (duration) and **since** (starting point) while reinforcing the use of precise academic phrasing and formal tone.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a mini-review of informal vs. academic language (e.g., "a lot" vs. "a significant amount").
 - For students needing support, highlight key verbs and prepositions before rewriting.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Let students work in pairs to critique each other's rewrites for tone and grammatical accuracy.
 - Conduct a "Tone Ladder" challenge where students transform a casual sentence step by step into academic English.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have advanced learners create two additional informal sentences and rewrite them in formal tone.
 - Encourage a short reflective paragraph explaining how preposition precision affects the clarity and professionalism of writing.