

Camping Countdown Answer Key

1. for
2. since
3. since
4. for
5. since
6. for
7. for

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Helps students understand how **for** expresses duration of time and **since** marks a specific starting point in time through narrative context.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide a quick review of time expressions that work with **for** (minutes, hours, days) and **since** (Monday, 2019, last night) before reading.
 - Allow struggling readers to underline time clues in the story before choosing their answers.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Let students act out scenes from the story and shout "for" or "since" when they hear time phrases.
 - Encourage pairs to write their own mini-stories using both prepositions.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to rewrite the story in past tense, keeping **for** and **since** correct.
 - Challenge advanced learners to identify additional time expressions that could fit the story naturally.