Time Expressions with Past Events

A. Time expressions with verbs in the **simple past tense**

1. **in** + month
   - I arrived in Arizona in **October**.
   - She moved to Arizona in **1997**.
   - He was born in Hong Kong.

2. **on** + day
   - They celebrated their anniversary **on Friday**.
   - He left Mexico **on April 16th**.

3. **from** ... **to**
   - She worked as a cashier **from 2004 to 2006**.

4. **between** ... **and**
   - She worked as a cashier **between 2004 and 2006**.

5. **last**
   - They graduated from college **last June**.
   - I vacationed in Hawaii **last year**.
   - I went to California **last Christmas**.

6. **ago**
   - They got married **six months ago**.
   - She started to work at that factory **three years ago**.

7. **when**
   - My family moved to the United States **when I was ten years old**.
   - **When** I was ten years old, my family moved to the United States.

8. **after**
   - I came to Arizona **after I finished high school**.
   - **After** I finished high school, I came to Arizona.

9. **for**
   - He studied accounting **for one year**. *He finished his degree last year.*
   - They lived in Oregon **for three months**. *They live in Arizona now.*
   - She worked as a custodian **for two weeks**. *She didn’t like it, so she quit her yesterday. She’s looking for a new job now.*

B. Time expressions with verbs in the **present perfect tense**

1. **for**
   - He has studied accounting **for one year**. *He is still studying that now.*
   - They have lived in Oregon **for three months**. *They still live there now.*
   - She has worked as a custodian **for two weeks**. *She continues to work at that job now.*

   - I have been sick **for six days**.
   - She has been married for a long time.

2. **since**
   - He has studied accounting **since last year**. *He is still studying that now.*
   - They have lived in Oregon **since January**. *They still live there now.*
   - She has worked as a custodian **since March 15th**.
   - I have been sick **since Tuesday**.
   - She has been married **since 1970**.