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# Past time expressions: ago, for, when, then

Focus: ago, last, in + year, from ... to, until, for + period, when + past clause; then / after that / later / finally

**TIME WORDS WITH THE PAST SIMPLE**

**ten years ago** · **last** year · **in** 2010 · **from** 2005 **to** 2009 · **until** 2009
**for** + period: I worked there **for** two years. (two years, then I left)
**When** I was 18, I left school. I got a job **when** I finished college.
Order: first ... **then** ... **after that** ... **later** ... **finally** ...

## 1 Complete with ago, last, in, for, from, to or when.

*Example: I started my first job ten years _____. → ago*

1. Anna was born _____ 1992 in Madrid.
2. We lived in Berlin _____ 2010 to 2015.
3. They got married _____ year, in June.
4. Tom studied at college _____ three years.
5. _____ I was a teenager, I wanted to be a singer.
6. She worked in the shop from 2018 _____ 2021.
7. My parents moved to this flat twenty years _____.
8. Ben got his first job _____ he finished secondary school.
9. Sara studied English online _____ six months.
10. David retired _____ month. He was a teacher _____ forty years.

## 2 Choose the correct word.

*Example: I lived in London _____ three years. (for / ago / until) → for*

1. Ani worked there _____ 2015. Then she retired. (for / ago / until)
2. _____ I finished university, I moved to Tbilisi. (When / Until / Ago)
3. First I did a course. _____ I got a job. (Until / After that / From)
4. She was a nurse _____ twenty years, from 1990 to 2010. (for / ago / until)
5. I got a job in 2010 and a flat two years _____, in 2012. (ago / last / later)
6. _____ year we had a baby. Her name is Lucy. (Ago / Last / Until)
7. I didn't like my job, so _____ I left. (finally / until / ago)

**ANSWER KEY**
**1** 1 in, 2 from, 3 last, 4 for, 5 When, 6 to, 7 ago, 8 when, 9 for, 10 last / for **2** 1 until, 2 When, 3 After that, 4 for, 5 later, 6 Last, 7 finally

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