Unit 5 — Digital Friendships — Teacher copy

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1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Listening — *The Cloud-Sender*

Jonas and his Icelandic friend Ari started writing to each other on a map app two years ago. Each one drops photos of the sky in their location. Jonas has sent 287 cloud photos. Ari has answered 287 times. They have never met. They have not yet spoken on the phone. Jonas says he just doesn't see the point of phones for this kind of friendship.

Grammar — present perfect simple

Form: *have/has + past participle*.

for + duration: *for two years.* **since** + start point: *since 2024.* **ever / never**: *Have you ever met him? — No, I have never met him.* **just** (recent): *I have just sent the photo.* **already** (sooner than expected): *We have already exchanged 287 photos.* **yet** (not yet completed, in negatives/Q): *We haven't spoken on the phone yet.*

2. Practise

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1. Insert *for* or *since*: I have known him _____ two years. I have lived here _____ 2024.
2. Place *just / already / yet*: I have ___ sent the message. They have ___ replied. We haven't met ___ .

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3. Build 4 present-perfect sentences about a friendship: 1 with *for*, 1 with *since*, 1 with *never*, 1 with *yet*.

3. Your turn

Reflection, 120 words. Write about a friendship that exists mostly online (or one you imagine could exist). Use 4 present-perfect structures and one *because*-clause.

Sample

I have been writing to Ari for almost two years. We started because of a school project, but we have kept writing because his cloud photos make my afternoons better. We have already exchanged 287 photos. We have never spoken on the phone. We just don't need to. Sometimes I worry that I haven't met him yet, and that the friendship will stay flat. Then he sends another photo of a strange-shaped cloud and I laugh, and the worry feels like the wrong size for the situation.

4. Further reading / listening

- BBC Learning English — *Present perfect* lessons.
- ChildLine UK — *Online friendships* topic.

5. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. for / since.

2. just / already / yet.

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