

# Grammar bites I

choosing between during, for & since, and getting the tenses right

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# Choosing the right word

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	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Event</b>
<i>Pendant</i>	<b>for</b>	<b>during</b>
<i>Depuis</i>	<b>for</b>	<b>since</b>



# Tenses with 'during'

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- ❖ *During* the rest of the conversation he remained sitting (Plato)
- ❖ *During* the treatment, the part should be bathed with plenty of warm water (Hippocrates)

THE TENSE CORRESPONDS TO THE CONTEXT

# Tenses with 'for'

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- ❖ *pendant* : tense corresponds to **general context**  
*He is to be kept on a spare diet for ten days (Hippocrates)*
- ❖ *depuis* : **present perfect**  
*Here for ten long years have I remained. (Sophocles)*  
or **pluperfect**  
*He forgot that Arruntius had been kept at home now for ten years (Tacitus)*



# Tenses with 'since'

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- ❖ **puisque** : tense **corresponds to context**

*Since it would be absurd to advise the patient to take something hot (Hippocrates)*

- ❖ **depuis** : **present perfect**

*Since then, we have spoken of the primary element (Aristotle)*

or **pluperfect**

*Since the death of Craterus no man had been so much talked of in the army (Plutarch)*

**NB** : if a verb follows 'since' it should be simple past tense

*'Since the structure of DNA was discovered, scientists have made great progress .*



# Understanding the perfect tenses

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- ❖ Present perfect = present of HAVE + past participle  
*clues : recently, so far, up to now, over the past year*
- ❖ Pluperfect = HAD + past participle  
*clues : by that time, before then*

