

Unit Does The Helmet Matter?

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Grammar Exercise for Reading

(Prepositions/Conjunctions) since

- We use since to refer back to a previous point in time.
- We use since as a preposition or as a conjunction.

Example

I was here **since** you were a baby.

We lived here since 2010.

He hasn't eaten since breakfast.

They've been working at a restaurant **since** last year.

She has been off work **since** Thursday.

Which is right?

- 1. (On / Since) when did he ever listen to me?
- 2. He has had a car ever (when / since) he was 18.
- 3. It has been an age (during / since) we've met them.
- 4. You have grown (at / since) the last time I saw you!
- 5. I have been so alone (since / in) you went away.
- 6. Time has flown (on / since) the holiday began.
- 7. I haven't seen him (since / under) the last summer.

Make sentences with these words.

- 1. (They / have / since I / grown up / last / saw / them)
- 2. (since / we were / in school / I have / known her)
- 3. (working / It has been / a year / since / I started)
- 4. (He has gained / weight / gave up / smoking / since / he)
- 5. (since / we / last / went / to the theatre / How long / is it)
- 6. (I / started / this diet / I have lost / ten pounds / since)
- 7. (jobs / I have changed / since / then)
- 8. (She has / been / since / this summer / working / here)

Exercise

Choose three sentences from the answer and say them in 3 seconds to your teacher without your book.

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Patrick has been playing football **since** he was very young, enjoying it at the playground during the day and even dreaming about it at night. One day, he spots a football helmet in a store window that he has longed for deeply, but he couldn't afford it. Ever **since** that day, Patrick couldn't get the helmet out of his mind. (a)

Meg suggests checking out a thrift store to find a similar helmet at a lower price. Patrick and Meg visit one, only to find cowboy hats and baseball caps. (b) Disappointed, they try another store, but all they find are hard hats and top hats. Determined, they head to the last thrift store, where Patrick eventually discovers a football helmet on sale! However, it's too big and slips over his eyes when he tries *it on. Seeing Patrick struggling, Meg grows worried as he bumps into walls and curbs. Patrick finds it uncomfortable trying to adjust the helmet in the mirror, but he still feels excited at the thought of wearing it while playing football.

"You can't play football in that helmet," Meg warns. Patrick disagrees, but **since** purchasing the helmet, he becomes the worst player on the team. He can't pass, punt, or kick, and he constantly trips and falls. (c) ■ Just then, Aiden joins them. Patrick notices that Aiden's head is much bigger than his own. "I wish I had such an amazing helmet like that," says Aiden, prompting Patrick to consider if the helmet would **fit** ★him.

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Finally, Patrick takes off the oversized helmet and hands it over to Aiden. Aiden tries it on, and the helmet fits perfectly. "Thanks, Patrick! It fits!" Now, Patrick, Meg, and Aiden can play football together. Without the oversized helmet, Patrick can see well to pass and punt again. He even scores a goal and performs better than before! "You've been a star ever since you were born. You don't need that oversized helmet," Meg reassures him. "That's right," Aiden agrees in his perfectly fitting helmet! (d)









<pre>afford[v]</pre>	to have enough money to buy They couldn't afford to buy new coats for the children.
thrift store[n]	a store that sells used goods and especially used clothes and that is often run by a charity I gave all my old books to a thrift store.
disappointed[adj]	unhappy because what one hoped for did not happen or because something is not as good as one expected Joy was disappointed when she didn't win the race.
similar[adj]	almost the same as someone or something else The two cars are similar in size.
<pre>prompt[v]</pre>	to cause to act He prompted the dog to jump off the fence.
disagree[v]	to have a different opinion Some people disagree with the government.
<pre>purchase[v]</pre>	to get by paying money for; buy Compare prices at different stores before purchasing something.
consider[v]	to think carefully about I need some time to consider your suggestion.
<pre>perform[v]</pre>	to do, fulfill, or carry out that which is expected The manager performs very efficiently in her job.
struggle[v]	to move with difficulty or with great effort She struggled up the hill through the snow.

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Reading Comprehension

[1~3] Write T if statements are true or F if statements are false according to the story.

- 1. Patrick has been playing football since he was young.
- 2. Patrick went to the store by himself.
- 3. The helmet was too small for Patrick.
- **4.** Reorder the sentences to make a full summary of the story.
 - a. Patrick bought the football helmet, which was too big for him.
 - b. Patrick became a better player than before.
 - c. Aiden tried Patrick's helmet, which fit perfectly.
 - d. Patrick wanted to buy a helmet which was too expensive.
 - e. Patrick became the worst player in the team.
- 5. What does ★it in paragraph 2 refer to?
 - a. thrift store
 - b. hard helmet
 - c. football helmet on sale
 - d. cowboy hat







- a. Patrick
- b. Meg
- C. Aiden
- d. teacher
- **7.** Examine the four **■**s in the story. Where is the best place for following sentence?

"It's because the helmet is affecting your sight," Meg points out.

- a. 1st square
- b. 2nd square
- **c.** 3rd square
- d. 4th square
- 8. Where did Patrick buy the football helmet?
 - a. a playground
 - b. the thrift store he visited first
 - **C**. the thrift store he visited secondly
 - d. the thrift store he visited lastly
- 9. Why did Patrick wear the helmet too big for him?
 - a. Meg borrowed the helmet for Patrick.
 - b. The helmet protected his head well.
 - **C**. Patrick wore the big helmet because he was excited to wear it for football.
 - d. Aiden, one of his friends wanted to buy it.
- **10.** The phrase **fit** in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to
 - a. suitable
 - b. worst
 - C. angry
 - d. fail

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- 11. The phrase takes off in the passage is CLOSEST in meaning to
 - a. removes
 - b. jumps
 - c. sails
 - d. calls
- 12. What is NOT true according to the story?
 - a. Though the helmet was too expensive to buy, Patrick kept thinking about it.
 - b. Meg recommend Patrick to visit a thrift store.
 - C. Patrick didn't mind tipping the helemt whenever he looked in the mirror.
 - d. Meg was concerned about Patick's new helmet but Patrick disagreed.
- 13. What is true according to the story?
 - a. Patrick played football during the night and practiced during the day.
 - b. Aiden couldn't pass, punt or kick without the helmet.
 - **C**. Meg suggested giving the helmet to Aiden because of the size of his head.
 - d. Patrick, Meg, and Aiden could play football together and Patrick could do much better than before.
- 14. According to the passage, what happened to Patrick after wearing the helmet??

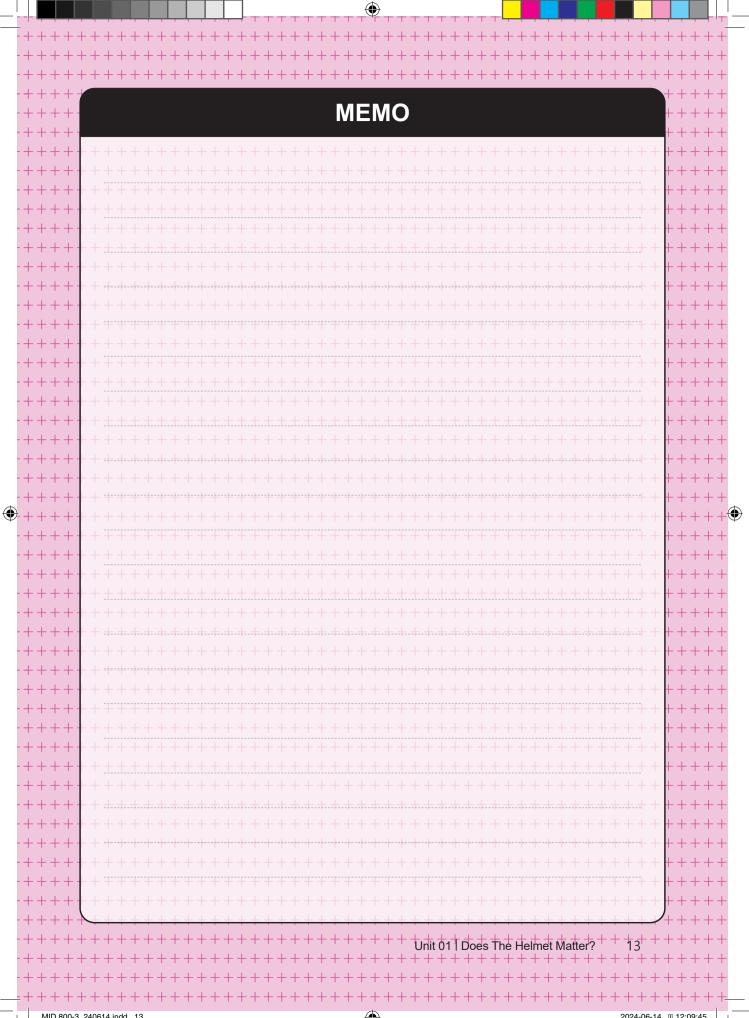
15. According to the passage, why did Patrick give the helmet to Aiden?

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