

TENSES CONVERSION

1. How long ago did you buy it? →
when did you buy it?
2. When did you buy this house? →
How long ago did you buy this house?
3. I haven't called her for two weeks →
It's two weeks since I called her
4. I haven't seen him for three months →
The last time I saw him was three months ago
5. It's a month since I last wrote to him →
I last wrote to him a month ago
6. It's time for us to go home now →
It's time we went home now
7. I'd prefer you to go → I'd rather you went
8. I'd like him to open it → I'd rather he opened it
9. I haven't met him before → It's the first time
I have ever met him
10. I haven't met such a nice person →
He is the nicest person I have ever met
11. I haven't finished yet → I still haven't finished
12. It's a long time since I last saw her →
I haven't seen her for a long time
13. I last saw him two weeks ago →
I haven't seen him for two weeks
14. I last visited him in March →
I haven't visited him since March

15. The last time she met him was two years ago →
she hasn't met him for two years.

16. She came to this country three months ago →
she has been in this country for three months.

17. When was the last time they sold their house?
→ How long ago did they sell their house?
How long is it since they sold their house?

18. He started driving two months ago →
He has been driving for two months.

19. We cleaned the house. Then we went out →
After we had cleaned the house we went out

20. She started watching TV as soon as (when
her mother had gone out →
she didn't start watching TV until after
her mother had gone out
she waited until her mother had gone out
before she started watching TV

21. I had never met him before →
It was the first time I had ever met him