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English!

Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!

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1 Listening

a Look at the photos. Where do you think they were taken? What can you see in each photo?



b You are going to listen to an interview with Jane, talking about a trip she made in 2008. Listen to Part 1. Where did she go? What did she decide to do after the trip?

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c Listen again. What does Jane say about:

- 1 her normal job
- 2 the holiday to Uganda
- 3 what happened when the lorry broke down
- 4 the condition of the school
- 5 the children
- 6 what the headmaster asked her for

d Now listen to Part 2. Correct the wrong information in these sentences.

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- 1 Jane's son chose the name Adelante Africa, which means 'Go forward, Africa' in Spanish.
- 2 The new school opened in 2012.
- 3 Today the school has 75 children.
- 4 Adelante Africa has also been trying to improve the children's English.
- 5 They are building a home for the teachers.
- 6 Two of Jane's children have been helping in Uganda.
- 7 Jane says the school has changed children's lives because it has given them an education.
- 8 Jane thinks that she gives more than she gets.
- 9 The website has a video Jane's daughter took of her teaching the children.

e Do you know anybody like Jane who does a lot of work for a charity? What do they do?

2 Grammar; present perfect + for / since

They've known each other for ten years.
Julia has had that bag since she was at university.

A How long have you worked here?

B Since 1996.

A How long has your brother had his motorbike?

B For about a year.

- We use the present perfect + **for** or **since** with **non-action verbs** (e.g. like, have, know, etc.) to talk about something which started in the past and is still true now.

They've known each other for ten years. (= they met ten years ago and they still know each other today)

- We use *How long...?* + present perfect to ask about an unfinished period of time (from the past until now).
- We use **for** + a period of time, e.g. *for two weeks*, or **since** + a point of time, e.g. *since 1990*.
- Don't use the present simple with **for / since**, NOT They know each other for a long time.

present perfect continuous + for / since

1 How long have you been learning English?

Nick has been working here since April.

They've been going out together for about three years.

2 Your eyes are red. Have you been crying?

No, I've been cutting onions.



1 We use the present perfect continuous with **for** and **since** with **action verbs** (e.g. **learn, work, go**, etc.) to talk about actions which started in the past and are still true now.

- Don't use the present continuous with **for / since**, NOT I'm working here for two years.

2 We can also use the present perfect continuous for continuous or repeated actions which have been happening very recently. The actions have usually just finished.

I've (I have)
You've (You have)
He / She / It's (He has)
We've (We have)
They've (They have)

been working here
for two years.

I haven't (I have not)
You haven't
He / She / It hasn't
We haven't
They haven't

been working here
for two years.

Have you been working
here for two years?

Yes,
I **have**.

No,
I **haven't**.

Has she been working
here for two years?

Yes,
she **has**.

No,
she **hasn't**.



work and live

Work and live are often used in either present perfect simple or present perfect continuous with the same meaning.

I've lived here since 1980.

I've been living here since 1980.

a Complete the mini dialogues with the **present perfect** form of the verb in brackets and an adverb from the list. You can use the adverbs more than once.

already ever just never yet

A Why are you smiling?

B I've just found a €50 note! (find)



1 A you a flight online? (book)

B Yes, of course. I've done it loads of times.

2 A When are you going to buy a motorbike?

B Soon. I nearly € 1,000. (save)

3 A you the electricity bill? (pay)

B No, sorry. I forgot.

4 A your parents your money? (lend)

B Yes, but I paid it back as soon as I could.

5 A How does eBay work?

B I don't know. I it. (use)

6 A What are you celebrating?

B We a prize in the lottery! (win)

7 A Why haven't you got any money?

B I my salary. I bought a new tablet last week. (spend)

8 A Would you like a coffee?

B No, thanks. I one. (have)

Is R (right) or W (wrong)?. Correct the wrong sentences.

☐ I've never been in debt.

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☐ How much has your new camera cost?

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☐ Dean has just inherited €5,000 from a relative.

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☐ Did your sister pay you back yet?

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☐ We booked our holiday online a month ago.

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☐ When have you bought that leather jacket?

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☐ They've finished paying back the loan last month.

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☐ We haven't paid the gas bill yet.

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☐ Have you ever wasted a lot of money on something?

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☐ I'm sure I haven't borrowed any money from you last week.

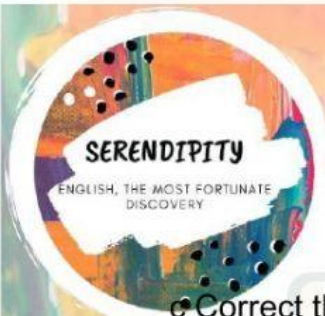
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☐ I spent my salary really quickly last month.

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☐ Have you seen the Batman film on TV yesterday?

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• Correct the mistakes.

Harry is unemployed since last year.

Harry has been unemployed since last year.

1 We've had our new flat since six months.

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2 Hi Jackie! How are you? I don't see you for ages!

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3 How long are you knowing your husband.

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4 Emily has been a volunteer for ten years ago.

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5 Paul doesn't eat anything since yesterday because he's ill.

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6 It hasn't rained since two months.

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7 How long has your parents been married?

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8 They're having their dog since they got married.

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9 I haven't had any emails from my brother for last Christmas.

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10 My grandmother lives in the same house all her life.

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8 Make sentences with the **present perfect simple** or **present perfect continuous** (and **for** / **since** if necessary). Use the present perfect continuous if possible.

1 / work for a charity / eight years

I've been working for a charity for eight years.

1 We / know each other / we were children

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2 the children / play computer games / two hours

.....

3 your sister / have that hairstyle/ a long time?

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4 I / love her / the first day we met

.....

5 my internet connection / nor work / yesterday

6 how long / you / wait?

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7 I / be a teacher / three years

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8 it / snow / five o'clock this morning

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9 Sam / not study enough / recently

.....

10 you / live in London / a long time?

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3 Pronunciation: sentence stress

a Listen and write down the sentences. 1.49

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b Listen and make questions. 1.50

4 Speaking.

**Tell me
about...**

- ☐ A friend you know very well
- ☐ The car / motorbike / bike you have
- ☐ A social networking site you use regularly
- ☐ A sport you play regularly
(or a kind of exercise you do regularly)
- ☐ The place where you live
- ☐ A bar or restaurant you often go to
- ☐ A gadget you have which
is very important for you
- ☒ An organization, club, gym, etc, you are a member of
- ☐ Something you are learning to do