

present tenses and time expressions

1 Complete the examples (A) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then answer the questions (B).

- 1 A My team's very good, but every so often we
(lose) a match.
B Which tense do we use to talk about habits?
- 2 A I (enjoy) playing for the school team for the time being.
B Which tense do we use for actions that are changing?
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- 3 A I (win) the cup! I'm the champion!
We (train) for this game for months now.
B Which two tenses do we use to talk about something that started in the past and affects us now?
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- 4 A I (just/buy) a new camera.
B Which tense is only for recently finished actions?
- 5 A I (collect) parts for my new gaming computer for weeks now!
B Which tense stresses the duration of the action?

Add one of these time expressions to the correct place in each sentence.

all day continually currently
for the past few years this week yet

- 1 Cara's been at her desk, staring at a university application form.
- 2 She wants to study games design.
- 3 She's been at the top of her computer class.
- 4 Her parents complain that she's staring at a computer screen.
- 5 She's been researching various universities.
- 6 She hasn't decided which university to apply for but has to decide soon.