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Present Perfect Simple and Continuous • Tense review
• Phrasal verbs • Pronunciation – words that sound the same

Life's what you make it

Present Perfect Simple

1 Two emails

Complete the emails with the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple.

Hi Sally

I ¹ _____ (not hear) from you for a while, so I thought I'd drop you a quick email.

How are you? ² _____ you _____ (start) your new job yet? The last time we ³ _____ (speak) a month or so ago you had just heard that you'd got the job, but you ⁴ _____ (not know) when you had to start. I hope your old company ⁵ _____ (give) you a big party when you left!

You usually go on holiday to Greece at this time of year, so maybe you ⁶ _____ (go) away already. You could be reading this email on the beach!

I'm fine. My only news is that I ⁷ _____ (buy) a new flat, which I'm moving into in a few weeks' time.

I ⁸ _____ (find) it on the Internet, and it's perfect for me – near where I work and top floor, so there's plenty of light.

⁹ _____ you _____ (see) Helen lately? I ¹⁰ _____ (not see) her for ages! I think the last time was at your birthday party! Do give her my love if you see her.

Anyway, I hope you're OK. Send me an email when you can.

Love

Paul



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Dear Paul

You're right. I'm in Greece but not on the beach! I ¹ _____ (be) here for just over a week, and I'm having a wonderful time. ² _____ you ever _____ (be) to Greece? If you haven't, you must come – it's heaven on earth! I come to the same place every year, and this year when I ³ _____ (arrive) even the taxi driver ⁴ _____ (remember) my name!

I ⁵ _____ (start) my new job a month ago. It's all very new, but I suppose I'll get used to it. I ⁶ _____ (made) some new friends, and we ⁷ _____ (be) out together a few times. It's OK.

I ⁸ _____ (not see) Helen either, but I do know some of her news! She's madly in love! With a boy called Rafael. They ⁹ _____ (know) each other for a year without realizing that they were soul mates!

Well, the sun has just gone down, so it's time to go to the bar for a drink. I'll raise my glass to you!

Lots of love

Sally

PS Good news about your flat – can't wait to see it!

