

5 Authentic Records

Main Goal

To improve the skill of speaking to talk about facts in the past.

Subsidiary Goals

To use present perfect to talk about changes.

Activities adapted from the book *Gold Preliminary*, by Lindsay Warwick and Clare Walsh.

SPEAKING

1. Discuss these questions.

- Are there any historical places or buildings in the areas you usually stay in the city (where you live, work, have fun...)?
- What's the most interesting historical place you've visited nearby? Would recommend tourists to visit those places?
- Have you heard of the archeological sites discovered in Bixiga, São Paulo, that holds remains from the roots of the history of the city?
- Take a careful look at the headlines of the news about this and try to guess the kind of artifacts found in the construction of the new subway line, in the neighborhood of Bela Vista.

THE BRAZILIAN REPORT

SOCIETY

Subway construction works uncover archeological findings of São Paulo's roots

During works to build the São Paulo subway's new orange line, nine archaeological sites were uncovered, digging up the city's near-forgotten history

GRAMMAR

2. What is the difference in meaning between these pair of sentences.

- The remains were in the city for more than two hundred years.
- The remains have been in the city for more than two hundred years.
- During the excavation works for the new orange line of the São Paulo subway, a total of nine archeological sites were discovered.
- During the excavation works for the new orange line of the São Paulo subway, a total of nine archeological sites have been discovered.

⇒ Which sentences from above refer to the following situations?

- To talk about an event that started and finished in the past.
- To talk about an event that started in the past but still happens in the present.
- To talk about an action that started and finished in a period of time that is unfinished or unknown.

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4. Complete the chart with time expressions according to their type.

ago - since - when~ - last year - in the last two years - for two years - today

Finished time period – Point in past time	Unfinished Time Period
<i>In the 80s</i> <i>In 1800,</i>	<i>This year,</i>

5. Use the cues below to make true sentences about yourself.

- a. Live in São Paulo / since...
- b. Work at a hospital / for...
- c. Be a student in... / in...
- d. Visit many cities / this year...

6. Make questions using the cues of activity 5.

Example from class:

- a. Live in São Paulo / since... I've lived in São Paulo since 2004
How long have you lived in São Paulo?
- b. Work at a hospital/ for...
- c. Be a student? /
- d. Visit many cities / this year...