

**5 Fill in the gaps (1–14) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or the present perfect.**

Dear Alice,

We <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) from you for a long time so I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) to write to you and find out if everything is OK with you. I hope you <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) your stay in Brighton last month. How long ago <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you/come) back? <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you/meet) anybody interesting there?

Nothing <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (change) much round here since you <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave). The bad news is that I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) my driving test again! When I <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (approach) the junction, I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not notice) when the lights <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) red and I <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) on. The good news is that Peter and Amanda <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (just get) married. They <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to a Greek island for their honeymoon last weekend.

Please write soon. Take care.

Clare

**6 Complete the sentences (1–10) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple.**

- I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on a diet for three weeks now but \_\_\_\_\_ (not lose) a single pound yet.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) their holidays in Tuscany three times.
- When Tricia \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a student, she \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a hall of residence for almost a year.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ (solve) crossword puzzles for two hours. So far we \_\_\_\_\_ (solve) five of them.
- Robert \_\_\_\_\_ (be) last ill ages ago.
- You look very tired. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do)?
- That dress looks nice. Where \_\_\_\_\_ (you/buy) it?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) my grandparents since I \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) my university course.
- Anna is one of the most interesting people I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) in my life.
- I first \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to London ten years ago and I \_\_\_\_\_ (return) several times since then.

**7 Fill in the gaps (1–12) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple.**

Hi Tom,

How are things? We <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) in New York last Saturday and we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (explore) ever since. We <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (already/be) to Central Park, and this morning we <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the Statue of Liberty.

My brother is very happy! He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) non-stop. You know how much he loves his food! We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) so many interesting restaurants in New York, and so many different types of cuisines! I love Mexican and Chinese. We <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not try) sushi yet, but that's next on our list.

This afternoon, we <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (look) round Times Square. <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you/ever/be) there? It's amazing. I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (never/see) so many great shops in one place. I wanted to go to Macy's too, but we <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) time today. Maybe we'll go tomorrow.

Anyway, <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you/miss) me all this time? I can't wait to see you!

See you when I get back!

Love

Tess

**8 Complete the second sentence in each pair so it has the same meaning as the first sentence.**

- We've already done a maths test today.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ it earlier today.
- I last ate meat three years ago.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ meat for three years.
- It's a long time since I've played football.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ football for a long time.
- I've just seen Tara.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ Tara a few minutes ago.
- I didn't have breakfast when I got up.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast yet.
- He moved to London years ago.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ in London for years.