

Saving Lives



My name's Albert and I'm a lifeguard. I've worked here for 4 years and I really love my job. I've saved some lives and that's really rewarding. It's nice to know that my job is important to keep people safe while they're resting and having fun at the beach.

I also like to know that my advice is useful to keep people free from being assaulted, injured or even sunburned. I work from Tuesday to Saturday, from 9 to 5 and rest two Sundays a month. Twice a month I work from 9 to noon because while people rest I have to do my job.

My friends think I should quit and have the opportunity to rest and go out during the weekend, but I can't imagine doing anything else.



Mark true (T) or false (F) according to the text. You'll have to explain orally when it's false:

- Albert is a swimming instructor. ()
- His job is to keep people safe at the beach. ()
- He likes his job. ()
- He works during the week and the weekend as well. ()
- His friends think he should get another job. ()
- He saves lives and gives advice on how to swim well. ()
- Advising people to use sunscreen and to protect from the sun isn't one of his duties. ()

When Albert says "I've **worked** here for 4 years" is he referring only to the present or is he referring to the past (4 years ago) and the present (he still works there)?

If he said: "I **worked** there 4 years ago." would it be a reference to the past or present?

And if he said: "I **work** here"?

Since he's referring to both past and present, how does he express it?

Answer the questions about the text:

What's Albert's job?

Does he like his job? What does he say about it?

How long has he been a lifeguard?

What are his work hours?

Does he work only during the week?

How many Sundays a month does he work?

What are his duties at work?

What do people do while Albert is doing his job? What does that mean?

What do Albert's friends think of his job?



Albert started working at the beach as a lifeguard 4 years ago. He still works there. = Albert **has worked** at the beach for 4 years.

1. Albert moved to Miami 5 years ago and he still lives there.

2. Albert stated studying Spanish 2 years ago and he still studies it.

3. Albert bought a car 6 months ago and he still has the same car.



We use the present perfect (have / has + participle) with for to talk about the duration of an action (for five years); we use the present perfect with since to refer to the beginning of an action (since July). Complete with "for" or "since":

I've lived here _____ 10 years.

I've known Marilyn _____ last summer.

We've been here _____ 11 a.m.

Alice has studied at this school _____ 2 years.

The boys have stayed at the beach _____ 2 hours.

Kevin has been married with Susan _____ 1998.



Complete with the present perfect of the verbs given:

A. Arthur _____ for Sue for 2 hours and a half. [wait]

B. Nancy _____ at the same hospital since 1980. [work]

C. Mom _____ the house since this morning. [clean]

D. The cake _____ in the oven for almost 30 minutes. Do you think it's baked? [be]

E. We _____ at the same school since we moved to this city. [study]

F. The dog _____ the garden for 1 hour. Did he lose the bone? [dig]



Mark (1) when the sentence refers to the past; (2) if it refers to the present; (3) if it refers to both present and past:

The plane landed on time and without any difficulties. ()

Mrs. Johnson doesn't work here. ()

Kelly lived in Australia for 10 years before moving to the US. ()

The cat brought something in its mouth this morning. ()

The baby cried the whole night. That's why I couldn't sleep. ()

The baby has cried for 10 minutes. Could you go there and see what's wrong? ()

The TV has been turned on all the afternoon. Can you turn it down and let me work? ()

Complete with the past simple or the present perfect of the verb given:

a) Paul _____ to the US in 2001. (to move)

b) The kids _____ outside all the morning. I think it's time for them to stop. (to play)

c) I _____ at a bank for 10 years. Now I work at a supermarket. (to work)

d) Jim _____ for Susan for 2 hours; he is getting furious! (to wait)

e) I _____ a gorgeous blouse at the mall yesterday. (to buy)

f) We _____ for someone to bring our order but all the waiters are pretty busy. (to wait)

g) The dog _____ a dead squirrel when he was digging the backyard this morning. (to find)

h) You're late. The singer _____ for 30 minutes. (to sing)

