

UNIT 3 INTERMEDIATE

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Grammar

Present perfect

1 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first. Use between two and five words plus the given word. Do not change the given word.

1 It's 13 years since I moved to this town.	LIVED
I _____ for 13 years.	
2 They are familiar with South America.	VISITED
They _____ South America.	
3 Do you have much experience of extreme sports?	TAKEN
_____ part in an extreme sport?	
4 We're planning to book our holiday next week.	HAVEN'T
_____ holiday yet.	
5 Even as a small girl she loved animals, so I'm not surprised she's a vet.	ALWAYS
_____ animals so I'm not surprised she's a vet.	
6 Do you know why he was so late for the exam?	EXPLAINED
_____ he was so late for the exam?	
7 Even when we were young you were a loyal friend.	ALWAYS
You _____ a loyal friend.	
8 I'm so busy that I haven't made dinner yet.	TIME
_____ time to make dinner yet.	
9 Has the last train left?	MISSSED
Have we _____?	
10 It's been difficult for him to find a job.	STRUGGLED
_____ a job.	

Present perfect + ever / never

2 Complete the sentences with the words. There are two extra words.

never been did didn't had have haven't never been

- 1 'Have you ever _____ to France?' 'No, never.'
- 2 Jake's _____ visited France, but he's planning to go next summer.
- 3 Helen went to her first football match on Saturday. She's _____ before.
- 4 'Has anyone ever told you that you look like Angelina Jolie?' 'No, they _____!'
- 5 Have you ever _____ to face a big difficulty in your life?
- 6 ' _____ your parents ever been to Morocco?'

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3 Complete the dialogues with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

A I've never been canoeing.
B Oh, I have. _____ great fun. (It / be)

2 A Have you ever been skiing?
B Yes, I've been obsessed with winter sports since 2014 when _____ the Winter Olympics in Russia. (I / watch)

3 A Where have you been? I haven't seen you for ages!
B _____ in London. I went there for a six-week English course. (I / be)

4 A I'm thinking of going to Belgium. Have you ever been?
B Yes, I have. _____ a week in Brussels in 2012. It's very nice. (I / spend)

5 A Has your boyfriend ever taken you out for dinner?
B Yes, he has – many times. Last week _____ to an amazing Turkish restaurant. (we / go)

6 A I wonder how long it takes to walk home from college. Have you ever done it?
B Yes, I have. A couple of months ago _____. It took me about an hour and a half to walk home. (my car / break down)

7 A Have you ever been somewhere really hot – like over 40 degrees?
B No, but _____ to a really cold place, in the mountains. It was about two winters ago and the temperature was minus 17! (I / go)

Present perfect + for / since

4 Complete the dialogue. Use for or since.

JADE How long have you been in Brighton?
EVA I've been here ¹ _____ three months now.

JADE Are you having a good time?
EVA Well, the town's nice and I like my job, but I haven't seen my family ² _____ June so I miss them a lot. I'm going home next weekend to see them. What about you? Are you from here?
JADE Well, I wasn't born here, but my family have lived here ³ _____ about ten years, ⁴ _____ I was nine.

EVA So you know lots of people in the area?
JADE Yes, but I've lost touch with a lot of friends because I went to the USA for a year, to study, and I've only been back ⁵ _____ two weeks.

EVA Well, why don't we go out sometime? Maybe go to the cinema?
JADE Sure, why not? I'll give you my phone number, hang on. I've only had this phone ⁶ _____ last week and I've tried ⁷ _____ days to memorise the number! Here it is...

Present perfect + just / already / yet / so far / almost

5 Circle the correct option.

- 1 Please can you wait a bit longer? I've *almost* / *just* / *already* finished what I have to do, I just need a few more minutes.
- 2 Hello from Greece! We're having a great time and we've been to five islands *almost* / *just* / *so far*.
- 3 That film looks good. Have you seen it *so far* / *yet* / *just*?
- 4 You don't need to check the car. I've *already* / *almost* / *yet* done it and it's fine.
- 5 You'll never guess what's *so far* / *just* / *already* happened... they've cancelled our test for today!
- 6 Sam will be a little late. He hasn't left home *so far* / *already* / *yet*.
- 7 I've *almost* / *already* / *so far* got to the end of the book. Then you can borrow it!
- 8 Eliza has *almost* / *just* / *yet* sent me a text. She's arrived safely in Australia.

Present perfect continuous

6 Write sentences in the present perfect continuous.

- 1 I started revising at nine o'clock this morning and it's now six in the afternoon.
I have been revising since nine o'clock this morning. / I have been revising for nine hours.
- 2 They got here half an hour ago. They're still waiting!
- 3 He started writing that essay on Monday and it's now Friday.
- 4 I started studying here two years ago.
- 5 He bought his car in 2010 and he's still driving it.
- 6 It's ten months since we started saving for a holiday.
- 7 She started working as a web designer three years ago.

Present perfect continuous vs Present perfect simple

7 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 _____ to phone you all morning. Where have you been?
A I've tried
B I've been trying
C I'm trying
- 2 I asked you to clean the house. Look at it! What _____ all morning?
A you have been
B have you done
C have you been doing
- 3 That _____ there for half an hour. What do you think he wants?
A man's standing
B man has stood
C man's been standing

- 4 I can't understand this question although _____ several times.
A I've tried
B I've been trying
C I'm trying
- 5 Oh no! My laptop's _____ on the floor. I hope it's not broken.
A been falling
B fallen
C being fallen
- 6 Will and Anna _____ a new club at the college.
A have been starting
B have starting
C have started

Grammar round-up

8 Complete the text with the correct present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple form of the verbs in brackets. Use short forms where possible.

Enjoying the sunshine!

The weather ¹ _____ (be) really good recently, so ² _____ (I / spend) a lot of time outside. ³ _____ (I / go) for long walks in the country and ⁴ _____ (I / really / enjoy) the chance to get some fresh air after being stuck indoors during the bad weather. Of course, all this outdoor activity over the last two weeks means ⁵ _____ (I / not / update) my blog for a while. So, apologies to regular readers of that! ⁶ _____ (I / not / write) anything at all last week.

9 Complete the text by circling the correct option.

WALKING TO WORK!

I haven't found a job ¹ *just* / *already* / *yet*, but I'm still looking. I've been to four interviews ² *since* / *so far* / *for* last Monday. All the jobs have been in town and I've walked to every interview ³ *so far* / *almost* / *yet*. In fact, I haven't used my car ⁴ *since* / *almost* / *for* nearly a month and I don't miss it at all! I've ⁵ *since* / *just* / *for* arranged two more interviews for next week, and I'm planning to walk to them as well. It's amazing how much more relaxed I feel after walking and I'm sure it improves my performance in the interview. It certainly improves my state of mind and I've ⁶ *almost* / *since* / *yet* forgotten how miserable I was when I lost my job!

Vocabulary

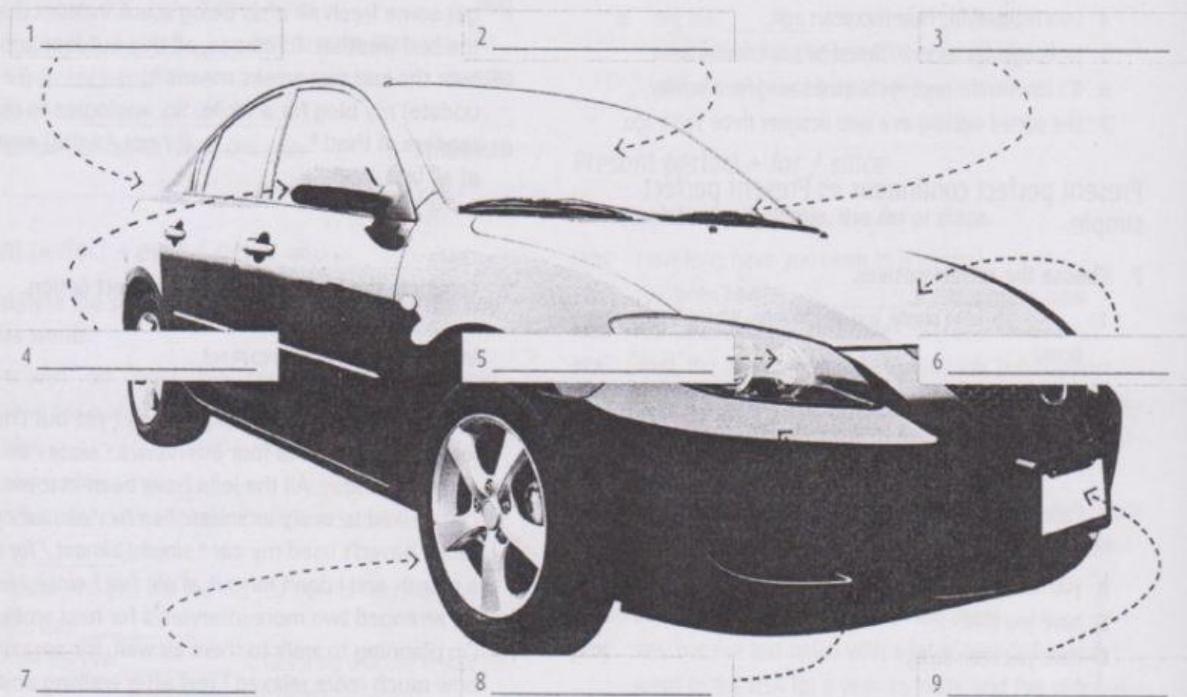
Difficulties

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 You can *overcome / struggle* all your problems if you try.
- 2 It was a *hostile / gruelling* race, but I was proud that I finished it.
- 3 The Antarctic is a *ordeal / hostile* environment. You have to fight to survive there.
- 4 The explorer described the trek as a terrible *tackle / ordeal*.
- 5 We had to *endure / struggle* temperatures of up to 45 degrees.
- 6 The trip was easy and we didn't *face / gruelling* any major difficulties.
- 7 I don't think I can *tackle / struggle* this problem alone. I need help.
- 8 It is sometimes a *ordeal / struggle* to get all my work done on time.
- 9 After an accident, people often have a long *battle / face* in front of them to get well.
- 10 There was *harsh / ordeal* criticism of the project so we didn't go ahead.

Parts of a car

3 Label the parts of the car.



4 The words below are in American English. Write the British English for these words.

1 gas pedal	3 stick shift	5 license plate	7 trunk	9 tire
2 parking brake	4 hood	6 fender	8 windshield	10 turn signal

2 Circle the correct option.

SEAN You've just returned from the Amazon. What was it like?
LUKE It was really ¹*danger / hard / battle*, actually. Things weren't helped by the fact that we got lost.
SEAN Was that as scary as it sounds?
LUKE Yes. It's worse when you know all about the ²*battles / dangers / tackles* that are there. Things like mosquitoes which carry deadly diseases - oh and snakes; lots of them!
SEAN What about bigger animals?
LUKE We saw alligators, but luckily they didn't come near us. Actually, the biggest ³*endure / battle / hard* we had was the weather.
SEAN Oh, really? What was the weather like?
LUKE Hot! The Amazon has ⁴*extreme / hard / gruelling* weather - we went at the end of April and there was still a lot of heavy rain. The problem is we had to walk through flood water and swamps. It was ⁵*gruelling / hardship / challenge*.
SEAN Sounds uncomfortable. Was all that ⁶*battle / challenge / hardship* worth it? Would you do it again?
LUKE Well, with people like me it's in my blood! So yes, I would. But I'm always looking for a new ⁷*challenge / battle / danger* in life, so it might be the Antarctic next!