

Grammar review

Present perfect with *for*, *since* and *How long ...?*

- 1 Complete the text with the correct present perfect form of the verbs and *for* or *since*.

Can you speak emoji?

Pictures 1 have been (be) a popular way of communicating 2 _____ thousands of years. In fact, people 3 _____ (design) pictures to represent words or feelings 4 _____ ancient times. So it isn't surprising that we all love using emojis in text messages. People 5 _____ (use) emojis 6 _____ the 1990s, when they first became popular in Japan. Emojis are fun, but users 7 _____ (know) 8 _____ some time that there are also problems with them. People from different countries don't always understand them in the same way. A waving hand might just mean 'goodbye' in one culture, but in another it might mean, 'I don't want to see you again.'



just, yet and already

- 2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.
- I have just / yet started learning German.
 - I haven't passed my driving test already / yet.
 - I already have / have already spoken to Maddie about setting up a study group.
 - Have you finished your French course yet / just?
 - Sara just has got / has just got her exam results.

Present perfect and past simple

- 3 Find and correct six mistakes with the verbs and time expressions in the text.
- ~~Have ever you~~ watched people using sign language? Sign languages are languages that you speak using your hands. I became interested in them a few months ago when my aunt has lost her ability to hear. I've wanted to communicate with her, so I started learning sign language. Since then, I've done quite well. I already learnt more than 100 signs, but there are still a lot that I don't know! I just started a course in sign language at my local college, so that will help me learn faster. I've seen my aunt last week, and we had a really good conversation using our hands. It was pretty cool!

Round-up

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Choose the correct words to complete the article.



Can you learn in your sleep?

1 Did you ever think / Have you ever thought how amazing it would be if you could learn in your sleep? In the past, some people 2 believed / have believed that you could learn a foreign language if you listened to it while you 3 have slept / were sleeping. Does that sound 4 too much easy / too easy? Well, it seems that it doesn't work after all. Scientists have studied sleep 5 for / since many years now, and they now believe that we can't learn new things in our sleep. But sleep can help us to remember things we 6 already learnt / have already learnt. 7 A few years ago / Since a few years, scientists did some experiments on memory. In one experiment, people tried to learn a set of new words and then remember them for a test later. Some people slept before the test and some didn't. And 8 what happened / what did it happen? Well, the scientists found that people who slept before the test got 9 higher / the highest scores than those who didn't sleep. It seems that our brains 10 need / are needing sleep to help make strong memories.

Self-evaluation

Read the objectives for this unit. How well can you do each one? Put a tick (✓).



1 I can talk about skills and abilities.	☐	☐	☐
2 I can talk about learning techniques.	☐	☐	☐
3 I can use the present perfect.	☐	☐	☐
4 I can decide when to use the past simple or present perfect.	☐	☐	☐
5 I can scan a text for specific information.	☐	☐	☐
6 I can take notes while I'm listening.	☐	☐	☐
7 I can ask for and give information.	☐	☐	☐
8 I can write a blog.	☐	☐	☐

If you choose 😞, ask your teacher for extra help.