

Vocabulary

Keeping in touch/catching up

- 1 Match the phrases in the box with words/phrases 1–6 in the text with a similar meaning.

catch up on _____ get on well _____ got to know _____
hang out _____ lose touch _____ meet up with _____

Work has been really busy lately, so I don't have time to ¹see my old friends. Normally, we always ²spend time together at the weekends and ³talk about all the news and gossip, but I just haven't had time recently. I really miss them and I don't want to ⁴stop communicating with them. At the same time, I've ⁵become friends with some of the people in the office, and we ⁶have a really good relationship.

- 2 Choose the correct option a, b or c to complete the conversations.

- 1 A: Do you still meet up with Sara from time to time?
B: Yes, we _____ each other these days.
a see a lot of b lose touch c catch up
- 2 A: How often do you see Ed?
B: Ed? I haven't seen him in years. We _____ when he moved to Germany and we haven't spoken since.
a spent time b lost touch c caught up
- 3 A: Gemma! It's great to hear from you! We haven't met up in ages.
B: I know! How about this weekend? We can hang out and _____ on all the news and gossip.
a stay in touch b catch up c get together
- 4 A: Any plans for the weekend, Beth?
B: Yes, we're going to _____ friends of ours for dinner and drinks.
a meet up with b hang out c see a lot of
- 5 A: I love going out and meeting new people, don't you?
B: Not really. I prefer spending time with my old friends. We _____, so I don't need to make any new friends.
a get to know b split up c get on well
- 6 A: What have you been doing since I last saw you, Jim?
B: Just working. I'm so busy I don't have time to _____ with friends anymore.
a hang out b caught up c introduce
- 7 A: Bye Tim, see you soon.
B: Take care, and _____ in touch.
a lose b keep c catch
- 8 A: Do you enjoy spending time with your sister?
B: Yes, but she lives in France so we don't see _____ very often.
a together b each other c a lot of

Grammar

Present perfect continuous and present perfect simple

- 3 Complete each sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets.

- 1 I started working at nine. It's midday now, and I'm still working.
I have been working for three hours. (been)
- 2 What have I done today? Slept!
I've _____ all day. (been)
- 3 We don't contact each other anymore.
We _____ with each other. (lost touch)
- 4 The last time I saw Ania was in June.
I _____ June. (since)
- 5 I'm staying at my friend's place at the moment, so I haven't had time to look at my emails.
I _____ for the last few days, so I haven't had time to look at my emails. (been)
- 6 We go on holiday to Ireland every year.
We _____ to Ireland for many years. (going)
- 7 I've reduced how many hours I work recently. I was often there until midnight!
I _____ less time at work recently. Before, I was often there until midnight! (spending)
- 8 John? No, he's not here. I don't remember him coming in.
I _____ this morning. (seen)

- 4 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 What ~~are~~ ^{have} you been doing since I last saw you?
- 2 This isn't the first time we have lose touch.
- 3 Nazir have been spending a lot of time with his friends recently.
- 4 They have just finish studying for their exams.
- 5 She have performed on stage since she was very young and now she is a professional dancer.
- 6 I have doing several courses in art this year.
- 7 We have to stayed in touch since he left.
- 8 I've be catching up with old friends recently.
- 9 I have been wait for you for thirty minutes.
- 10 I have been have nightmares recently.