

# 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 <sup>1</sup>see my old friends. Normally, we always <sup>2</sup>spend time together at the weekends and <sup>3</sup>talk about all the news and gossip, but I just haven't had time recently. I really miss them and I don't want to <sup>4</sup>stop communicating with them. At the same time, I've <sup>5</sup>become friends with some of the people in the office, and we <sup>6</sup>have 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 <sup>have</sup>are 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.