

a) **REPHRASING.** Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I first came to the school three years ago. **ATTENDING**
I _____ for three years.
2. John last visited Wendy 2 years ago. **NOT**
John _____ 2 years.
3. I haven't had a music lesson for 6 months now. **LAST**
I _____ 6 months ago.
4. I started my homework at 7 o'clock. **HAVE**
I _____ homework since 7 o'clock.
5. This is my second visit to Peru. **TIME**
This is the _____ Peru.
6. When did you start working for this company? **LONG**
How _____ for this company?
7. I've spent all morning texting and my thumb hurts. **BEEN**
My thumb hurts because _____ all morning.
8. I got this laptop in March. **HAD**
I _____ March.
9. This will be her first professional match. **NEVER**
She _____ professionally before
10. He's still working out after 2 hours. **HAS**
He _____ 2 hours.
11. He keeps using my stuff, it's so annoying! **ALWAYS**
He _____ my stuff.
12. I've never eaten such a tasty meal. **EVER**
This is the tastiest _____ in my life.
13. When did you start working here? **LONG**
How _____ here?
14. I got this car when I was 20. **SINCE**
I _____ I was 20.
15. They haven't finished discussing the problem. **STILL**
They _____ the problem.
16. It's four weeks since I last spoke to Paul. **NOT**
I _____ for 4 weeks.

b) **VERB TENSES.** Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present forms.

Dear Greg and Christine,

I 1) _____ (write) to thank you for coming to our wedding reception last month. I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Mark and I 2) _____ (just/return) from our trip to Kenya. We 3) _____ (recently/move) into our new house and since we returned we 4) _____ (spend) all our free time decorating. The house 5) _____ (actually/begin) to feel like home now and we 6) _____ (gradually/settle) into a routine. We 7) _____ (have) breakfast together in the morning, but then we 8) _____ (not/see) each other until late in the evening when we 9) _____ (get) home from work.

I hope both of you 10) _____ (be) well since we last saw you.

Best regards,

Mark and Sheila Roberts.