



GRAMMAR

I. Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 I haven't felt well *for/since* a long time.
- 2 We've been here *for/since* 10 o'clock.
- 3 Have you had your phone *for/since* more than a year?
- 4 She hasn't flown anywhere *for/since* the accident.
- 5 They've become much healthier *for/since* they stopped eating sugar.

II. Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets and *for* or *since*.

- 1 They _____ (live) in that house _____ 1990.
- 2 We _____ (be) here _____ several hours.

III. Write the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first.

- 1. There's a chance of rain.
It _____
- 2. It's possible that they will be late.
They _____
- 3. I predict rain.
I think it _____

IV. Underline the correct alternative.

- 1 When I was young we used to *live/living* in Spain.
- 2 I used to *speak/speak* fluent Spanish.

V. Write sentences with the opposite meaning.

- 1 I used to have a stressful job.
I _____.
- 2 I used to have to get to work early.
I _____.
- 3 There didn't use to be time for a break.
There _____.

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VI. Match questions 1–8 with answers a)–f).

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| 1 | Why did you give up your job? | a) | To keep in touch with my family and friends. |
| 2 | Why did you travel around the world? | b) | To pay for my studies. |
| 3 | Why didn't you go to university? | c) | Because I hated the long hours. |
| 4 | Why did you learn Portuguese? | d) | So that I can help people. |
| 5 | Why did you write a blog? | e) | Because there was nothing I wanted to study. |
| 6 | Why did you become a nurse? | f) | So that I could speak to people when I got to Brazil. |
| 7 | Why did you move to Scotland? | g) | Because there is a good teaching hospital in Edinburgh. |
| 8 | Why did you get a part-time job? | h) | To learn about different people and cultures. |

VII. Join the sentences using *so*, *to* or *because*.

1. She bought a dictionary. She wanted to look up difficult words.
- _____

2. He gave up his job. He hated it.
- _____

VOCABULARY

VIII. Write the words that match the descriptions. The first letter of each word is given.

- 1 the seeds of wheat and other plants, often used to make bread: g_____
- 2 fish with shells: s_____
- 3 a Japanese dish with rice, vegetables and raw fish: s_____
- 4 a Mexican dish with a flat pancake wrapped round beans or beef: b_____

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IX. Put the words in the box in the correct place. There are extra words

apple - bananas - beefsteak - biscuits - broccoli - cabbage - cake
- carrots - cheese - chicken - coffee - corn - courgettes - cream
- duck - fizzy drink - grapefruit - grapes - jelly - lobster - milk - mussels
- oats - shrimps - tea - wheat

grains	meat	fish/seafood	dairy	desserts	drinks	vegetables	fruit

X. Complete each pair of sentences with the correct form of the same verb.

- 1 a) He was very ill, but the doctor _____ him.
b) No one can _____ a cold, you just have to wait for it to go.
- 2 a) Don't spend all your money, try to _____ some as well.
b) He jumped in the water to _____ her life.
- 3 a) I don't want to _____ famous, I wouldn't have a normal life.
b) He only _____ successful after years of hard work.

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It's often said that money doesn't buy you happiness.

Somebody who would definitely agree is thirty-eight-year-old Anthony, an ex-corporate lawyer who swapped his high-flying city lifestyle for a much more relaxed way of life in the beautiful Welsh countryside. Here, Anthony tells us his story.

I used to work for a big international law firm in London, dealing in corporate law. I worked really long hours but I didn't mind because everyone else I knew worked long hours, too, and we made up for it at the weekend! I had a pretty good life; I owned a great flat in a nice neighborhood, ate out at the most fashionable (and expensive) restaurants and went abroad on holiday at least four times a year. But deep down I had a feeling that something was wrong, that I wasn't satisfied with something in my life.

Then about five years ago, I was visiting friends in the countryside and we walked past a farm advertised for sale.

I can't really explain it, but as I stood there looking at it, I just knew that was where I belonged and needed to be. It sounds silly, but it was such a strong feeling I couldn't ignore it. So, I went back to London, handed in my notice, sold my flat, bought the farm and swapped my expensive suits for wellies! * It's not been an easy five years – I didn't know anything about farming so I've had to learn very quickly! I still work very long hours like I used to, but I find my work so satisfying. And I love the peace and quiet of the countryside.



*Wellingtons = waterproof, rubber boots

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XI. Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 What type of restaurants did Anthony use to eat at?

2 How often did he use to go on holiday?

3 How long has he been a farmer?

4 What did he buy in the countryside?

5 What did he exchange his suits for?

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