

**A** Look at the sentences and put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect form.

- 1 My best friend and I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) each other for over ten years.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) anyone a present recently.
- 3 My father \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the same job for ages.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in the same house since I was born.
- 5 My English teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (not work) at this school for very long.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not spend) much money recently.
- 7 My partner \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at school today for longer than me.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (send) a few text messages today.
- 9 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not make) any new friends in the last few weeks.
- 10 Nobody in my family \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) good news recently.
- 11 I \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) happy since I woke up this morning.
- 12 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) a good film at the cinema for a long time.

Read the sentences and choose *been* or *gone*.

- 1 'Hi, can I speak to Terry, please?' 'I'm sorry, he isn't here at the moment. He's **been / gone** out for lunch.'
- 2 'I've **been / gone** to Germany three times, but I've never **been / gone** to France.'
- 3 'Have you **been / gone** to the butcher's this afternoon?'  
'No, Kelly's just **been / gone**. She should be back soon.'
- 4 'I haven't seen the neighbours for ages.' 'No, they're away. They've **been / gone** to Mexico for a month.'
- 5 'Wow! You look tanned. Where have you **been / gone**?'  
'Australia! The weather was great.'
- 6 'Have you **been / gone** to the skate park recently?'  
'Yes! I've **been / gone** there every day this week.'
- 7 'Why isn't Jade answering the phone?' 'Maybe she's **been / gone** to work already.'
- 8 'Hurry up, Sam!' 'It's too late. The train has already **been / gone**.'

Decide whether the following time phrases are used with *for* or *since* and put them in the right column. Can you add any other time expressions to the lists?

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| I was born               | July         | ages          | 7 o'clock  | two weeks |
| a long time              | last weekend | a year        | six months |           |
| the day before yesterday | 2010         | I was a child |            |           |

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Read the dialogue and put the verbs in brackets into either the past simple or present perfect.

**Kate** Hey, Olivia. I \_\_\_\_\_ (1 just / realise) that it's Mum and Dad's wedding anniversary next week.

**Olivia** Oh, yes 16th April. What do you reckon we should get them?

**Kate** Well, they \_\_\_\_\_ (2 not go) to the theatre for ages, so we could buy them tickets to a show.

**Olivia** But we \_\_\_\_\_ (3 get) them theatre tickets last year.

**Kate** You're right. Well, they \_\_\_\_\_ (4 not eat) at that new French place. We could book them a table.

**Olivia** Oh, come on, you know Dad. I'm sure he wouldn't like French food.

**Kate** Yeah, I suppose he is quite fussy about food. Well, they \_\_\_\_\_ (5 not have) a holiday since last summer. What about paying for them to go abroad for the weekend?

**Olivia** No way! That would cost a fortune!

**Kate** How about something for the garden?

**Olivia** But they \_\_\_\_\_ (6 go) to the garden centre two weeks ago and \_\_\_\_\_ (7 buy) lots of plants.

**Kate** I could go shopping and buy that DVD ... You know the one with John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.

**Olivia** You mean *Red*? But Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (8 already / see) that three times at the cinema.

**Kate** They \_\_\_\_\_ (9 have) their tennis rackets for years. I \_\_\_\_\_ (10 hear) Dad complaining about his when they \_\_\_\_\_ (11 come) back from their game last week. What about new rackets, then?

**Olivia** No, they'd be too difficult to choose. There are so many different types.

**Kate** Well, Mum \_\_\_\_\_ (12 say) yesterday that she \_\_\_\_\_ (13 be) bored with listening to the same music all the time. She \_\_\_\_\_ (14 not buy) any new CDs for ages. We could order something online.

**Olivia** Definitely not! I hate listening to their dreadful music!

**Kate** Oh, come on Olivia! I \_\_\_\_\_ (15 make) loads of suggestions and you \_\_\_\_\_ (16 not have) any ideas. Why don't YOU decide what to buy them?