

Vocabulary 1

Government collocations

Match the two parts of the sentences about local and national government.

- 1 My sister works as a civil servant
- 2 It's the largest government department
- 3 We had to show the town hall the plans for extending our house.
- 4 Because of all the red traffic
- 5 You need to complete a form
- 6 You have to pay a fine
- 7 There are three main political parties
- 8 Every Wednesday the prime minister has to answer questions in parliament.

- a minister has to answer questions in parliament.
- b hall the plans for extending our house.
- c a long form to get a parking permit.
- d department and employs thousands of people.
- e parties in the UK's political system.
- f servant in the Ministry of Defence.
- g a heavy fine if you park without a permit.
- h tape it took years to get building permission.

Grammar 2B

Past modals of obligation and permission

Complete the conversation with past modals of obligation and permission. Use contractions.

A: What's the worst job you've ever had?

B: When I was at college I worked one summer as a kitchen assistant on a warship they were testing.

I (1) _____ clean the kitchen and the dining area. I (2) _____ work very long hours – only eight hours a day – but there was nothing to do when work finished.

A: (3) _____ to go up on deck?

B: No, we (4) _____. They said it was too dangerous. The sailors had a room with a pool table and things, but we (5) _____ use that. So we (6) _____ spend all our free time where we slept at night. Once a week the ship would go back to the port and we (7) _____ to spend the night at home. What about you?

A: My worst job was in a factory. I (8) _____ work very long hours doing a very repetitive task. And I (9) _____ to have any breaks, just twenty minutes for lunch.

B: How many hours a day (10) _____ work?

A: Ten was the minimum. But the pay was so bad that we (11) _____ work as much overtime as we wanted, so I often worked more than twelve hours. We (12) _____ work on Fridays because the factory was closed, but I worked six days a week.

Grammar 3C

Present perfect simple and continuous, for and since

Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous of the verb in brackets. Use the present perfect continuous if possible.

- 1 I _____ (*pay back*) my student loan for more than six years now.
- 2 Yang _____ (*love*) collecting stamps since she was a child.
- 3 Where have you been? We _____ (*wait*) for two hours and the food's gone cold.
- 4 _____ (*you / read*) my email? I need an answer as soon as possible.
- 5 He _____ (*take*) his driving test eight times and he still hasn't passed it.
- 6 I _____ (*not see*) my brother since 1999, when he went to live in Australia.
- 7 We _____ (*believe*) in UFOs ever since we saw one flying over our house last summer.
- 8 I _____ (*not do*) much exercise since my exams started. I'm too busy.