

Vocabulary 1

Government collocations

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

- 1 My sister works as a civil
 - 2 It's the largest government
 - 3 We had to show the town
 - 4 Because of all the red
 - 5 You need to complete
 - 6 You have to pay
 - 7 There are three main political
 - 8 Every Wednesday the prime
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- a minister has to answer questions in parliament.
 - b half 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.