

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

PRACTICE FOR THE 2ND TERM TEST



A journalist is interviewing a politician on a radio programme.

Write the verbs in bracket in the correct tense: present perfect or past simple.

INTERVIEWER: Mrs Blake, you want people to vote for you again. Our listeners want to know why.

POLITICIAN: I think our achievements are very clear.

I: Well, not always. For example, under your government unemployment ^a _____ **(rise)** by ten per cent.

P: Yes, but you have to look at the international context. The price of oil ^b _____ **(increase)** to over forty euros last year and there ^c _____ **(be)** a world recession this year.

I: But now the price of oil ^d _____ **(fall)** again.

P: Yes, the future looks very good. Since we came to power we ^e _____ **(cut)** taxes three times. The last government ^f _____ **(increase)** them.

I: The opposition says that services ^g _____ **(suffer)**. What about the health system? Several hospitals ^h _____ **(close)** recently.

P: Yes, but people can see now that we ⁱ _____ **(introduce)** big improvements. Those hospitals ^j _____ **(be)** old. We ^k _____ **(invest)** in new and better hospitals.

I: But people are waiting longer for their operations.

P: No, that's not correct. Patients waited longer before we came to power. The latest statistics show that we ^l _____ **(reduce)** the number of people waiting for operations.

I: What about your record on education?

P: Standards ^m _____ **(be)** terrible under the last government. When we ⁿ _____ **(introduce)** the new education law, the results improved very quickly.

I: Thank you, Mr. Blake. Now the news.



Drag to match the answers A to G with the questions 1 to 7.

1. Where is my pen?
2. Why are you looking so pleased with yourself?
3. How is the maths going?
4. Why are you buying a new mobile?
5. Is it sunny outside?
6. Why are you looking so fed up?
7. Where's Jeremy?



- a. No. It's started to rain.
- b. I don't know, I haven't seen it.
- c. I've passed all my exams.
- d. Because someone has stolen my old one.
- e. I've had a really bad day.
- f. Not very well. It's got much more difficult this term.
- g. Haven't you heard? He's had an accident. He's in hospital.

Choose the correct option.

1. I've studied in this school **since / for / already** 3 years.
2. Have you finished your homework **just / ever / yet** ?
3. They love travelling. They've **been / gone / went** to Asia 3 times already.
4. She's had her pet **for / since / already** she was a child.
5. 📞 Can I speak to Luly, please.
📞 No, she's **been / gone / went** to the shops. Please, call back in 30 minutes.
6. 🧑 Do you want some cake?
🧑 No, thank you. I've **already / yet / ever** had some.
7. 🧑 Where is Alejo? I haven't seen him for a while.
🧑 He lives in Sweden now. He met someone so he **been / gone / moved** there last month.
8. Don't move! My contact lens **have just fallen / just fell / has just fallen** on the floor.