

MINI TEST 1

Exercise 1: Complete the second sentence so that it expresses the same meaning as the original one.

- I started working for the company a year ago.
I have
- It is one hundred years since the birth of D.H Lawrence, the famous novelist.
D.H Lawrence, the famous novelist, was
- How long have Catherine and Henry been engaged?
When.....?
- I have seen this movie before.
This is.....
- It is ages since Alan visited his parents.
Alan hasn't.....
- We have not seen each other again since ages ago.
The last....
- The school was founded ten years ago.
It is ten years.....
- She started making music 2 decades ago.
She has
- I haven't gone out for a meal for two years.
It is

Exercise 2. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct verb tense: the Present Perfect or Past Simple.

- Tom (call) _____ his boss yesterday.
- I (meet) _____ Robert at the supermarket this morning.
- We (fly) _____ to Ha Noi several times, but last summer we (go) _____ there by train.
- When (your father/ give up) _____ smoking?
- My uncle (move) _____ to Da Lat in 2005.
- I (be) _____ to Sa Pa twice since 2000.
- We (spend) _____ our summer vacation in Ha Long Bay last July.
- I (watch) _____ the film Titanic already.
- The postman (deliver) _____ the letter half an hour ago.
- I (hear) _____ the good news from Mary a few minutes ago.
- I (have) _____ this iPad for three years. My father (give) _____ it to me when I was in grade 6.
- My mother (do) _____ all the cleaning. The apartment is really clean now.

13. Someone (turn) _____ on the hi-fi. Do you know that song?
14. The match (just start) _____. Our team is playing very well.
15. He (lose) _____ his credit card. He can't find it anywhere.
16. Prices (go) _____ up. Everything is more expensive nowadays.
17. (you/buy) _____ the laptop yet.
18. Miss White (work) _____ in Ha Noi from 2011 and 2014.

Exercise 3.

Questions 11–20

Look at the sentences below about a trip to an Ocean Centre.
Read the text on the opposite page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.
If it is correct, mark **A** on your answer sheet.
If it is not correct, mark **B** on your answer sheet.

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- 11 Rebecca Hardy's home is close to the coast.
 - 12 At the Ocean Centre, you can see fish from both seas and rivers.
 - 13 All the creatures that are on display at the Centre are harmless.
 - 14 The admission fee for the Centre goes towards environmental projects.
 - 15 Rebecca was allowed to feed the fish at the Centre.
 - 16 Rebecca had to book in advance to see the fish at their feeding time.
 - 17 The Ocean Centre has the largest collection of seahorses in the world.
 - 18 Rebecca was pleased that she was able to see baby seahorses in the exhibition.
 - 19 Each day, the Centre holds lots of talks on different topics.
 - 20 Rebecca found she could leave and return to the Centre during her visit without paying again.

A visit to the Ocean Centre

by Rebecca Hardy, aged 13

My family and I went to the Ocean Centre in my home town recently. It was one of the most amazing places I've ever been. We don't live near the sea, so I don't get much chance to see living sea creatures for myself.

Inside the Centre you go on what they call an ocean journey. It takes you from the smallest stream, through rivers, and out into the deepest ocean. Along the way you meet fish and other creatures that live in these places. And there are thousands of them – some pretty and peaceful, and others frightening and deadly.

Our guide told us that the Centre was originally set up to help look after the seas and protect the life within them. In fact, every entry ticket bought there helps the Centre to achieve this aim, so I felt my visit was in a good cause.

By chance, we arrived just at feeding time and watched staff give food to hundreds of fish. I wanted to do it too, but the staff wouldn't let me. But I'd still really recommend being there at feeding time. You'll see feeding times advertised at the ticket desk, or you can telephone in advance to find out when they are.

The most fascinating part of the visit for me was a new exhibition at the Centre that told the story of seahorses across the world. It has the biggest collection of these magical creatures in Europe, and almost as many as one in the USA. I found out about what they ate, and how a male seahorse managed to give birth to 1500 babies! And although our guide told us it was hard to see the young ones, we were lucky enough to catch sight of some in the tank!

We also went to one of the Centre's talks about the underwater world. Ours was called 'Sharks', and the one on the following day was called 'Creatures of the Deep'. There are talks on other topics given on different days, so it's best to check which talk will take place on the day you go.

Once we'd bought our ticket, we could go in and out of the Centre as many times as we liked during the day. You can also buy an annual pass that gives you unlimited entry all year round. I'm saving up for one!

