

A2+ UNIT 8(1) – HOLIDAYS

Exercise 1 – Choose the correct verb forms to complete the post

What's the silliest thing you've ever done?

TmG66

Added at 18.56

¹ I **haven't started / I've just started / I haven't started yet** my first job, working in a coffee shop. It's my first day and this morning I spilled coffee all over a woman! Luckily, it ²**hasn't happened / has happened never / has already happened** again.

EvieMoll

Added at 19.07

Have you ³**already made / made yet / ever made** a stupid promise? Last year my little brother was crying, so I promised to take him to the zoo every week for a year. I've ⁴**already seen / just seen / never saw** the monkeys twenty-four times now, and there's still six months to go!

SamTT

Added at 19.16

I've ⁵**been ever / ever been / never been** very good at swimming, but last summer I decided to take part in a swim for charity. Of course, I got tired and someone had to rescue me. My friends ⁶**already have let / have never let / haven't let yet** me forget it!

Exercise 2 – Complete using the words in the box

yet	for	since	often	ever	never
already	so far		just		always

- Luisa has lived in the city centre**since**..... 1996.
- Thanks for the present! I've wanted a pet goldfish.
- Have you drunk pineapple juice? It's fantastic!
- I've heard some fantastic news! I've passed my exams!
- Hurry up! Haven't you finished ? You're so slow!
- Nina has worked in this company five years.
- I've been on a big ship before. It's an interesting experience!
- We've very busy today. we've sold over a hundred bikes.
- I've passed this building, but this is the first time I've been inside.
- Can I have a different book? I've read this one.

Exercise 3 – Choose the best answer for each space

HEY!

We ¹..... arrived at the campsite and it's ²..... started raining! I've camped a few times but I've ³..... camped in the rain before. Mum and dad have brought a lot of food. Mum ⁴..... made some sandwiches and we're eating them inside the tent. I've ⁵..... eaten about five – I'm SO hungry! We ⁶..... been into the village ⁷..... because it's so wet, but we'll go soon. Have you ⁸..... been to this area? It looks very pretty (in the rain!). We ⁹..... all packed hiking boots to walk in the hills. I hope it's sunny tomorrow.

¹⁰..... 've all come a long way and we want to have a good holiday. Oh well!

¹¹..... you planned your next holiday ¹².....? Check the weather forecast before you do!

Speak soon

Matti x

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| 1. A. have | B. were | C. had |
| 2. A. yet | B. just | C. already |
| 3. A. ever | B. never | C. just |
| 4. A. has | B. is | C. has been |
| 5. A. already | B. ever | C. never |
| 6. A. were | B. haven't | C. weren't |
| 7. A. yet | B. just | C. already |
| 8. A. already | B. just | C. ever |
| 9. A. 've | B. were | C. 's |
| 10. A. I | B. We | C. They |
| 11. A. did | B. have | C. Were |
| 12. A. still | B. already | C. yet |

Exercise 4 – Complete the text with suitable forms of the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple. In one place, both are possible.

Electric cars – Latest update

A small American car manufacturer (0)**has just announced**..... (just announce) that its experimental electric car, the Lexington X1, will go to into production this year. Markton Automobiles, of Detroit, Michigan, (1) (make) the announcement at last month's Auto Show in Geneva. Although there are now many electric cars on the market, so far manufacturers (2) (not be able) to produce one that can really compete with existing petrol cars. There are two major problems – speed and distance. Up until now, electric cars (3) (be) either too slow or unable to travel far enough without recharging their batteries. Markton Automobiles claim that they (4) (overcome) these difficulties with a new type of solar panel which continually recharges the batteries. The company (5) (not give) the press exact details yet, but they claim they (6) (already test) the car successfully under all kinds of weather conditions. A Japanese company (7) (first design) the engine in 2007. But over the last few years Markton (8) (adapt) the design and increased its power. The company (9) (invite) ten journalists to test-drive the new car last week. Their reports (10) (be) mainly positive, although we will have to wait for the full test before we know if this really is the electric car that everyone is waiting for.