

Past Simple or Present Perfect (1)

Task 1

**Choose the correct words in *italics*.**

- 0 She's been to the doctor twice *this month* / *last month*.
- 1 I've driven this car *many times* / *in 2007*.
- 2 Jane *passed* / *has passed* her driving test last week.
- 3 Steve loves his job. He *did* / *'s done* it since he was twenty-two.
- 4 Caroline's bought a lot of clothes *this year* / *two years ago*.
- 5 Rick *has finished* / *finished* the course six months ago.
- 6 'George has arrived.' 'Really? When *has he got* / *did he get* here?'

Task 2

Dear Margaret,

Thank you very much for your letter which I 1) ...  
*received*... (receive) last week. I 2) ..... (be)  
really happy to hear from you after all this time.

I've got a lot of news to tell you about myself. I 3)  
..... (get) a new job nine months ago. I 4) .....  
..... (have) many interesting experiences so  
far. When I first 5) ..... (start) work, the  
manager 6) ..... (ask) me to interview  
our old school headmaster. He 7) ..... (be)  
so surprised to see me with a microphone in my hand!

Last month, a fire 8) ..... (break out) in a  
big factory in the area. I 9) ..... (be) the only  
reporter who 10) ..... (manage) to talk  
to the owner! That 11) ..... (make) me  
feel very proud.

As you can see, I enjoy my job very much. I 12) .....  
..... (meet) a lot of important people  
and I 13) ..... (have) the opportunity to  
see lots of new places. I 14) ..... (buy) a  
new car because my old one 15) .....  
(break down) a couple of weeks ago.

I have to go now because they 16) .....  
(just/inform) me that I have to fly by helicopter to  
Middleford. I have to talk to people whose homes were  
damaged by the storm which 17) ..... (hit) the  
area last night. You see, I don't have a moment's rest!

Keep in touch.

Love,  
Rosie

Task 3

A: Hello, Billy. I 1) *haven't seen* (not/see) you for a long time.  
B: Yes, I 2) ..... (be) very busy recently.  
A: Really? Tell me what you 3) ..... (do) since we last 4) ..... (see) each other.  
B: Well, I 5) ..... (get) my degree last month and then I 6) ..... (move) house.  
A: When 7) ..... (you/move)?  
B: Last week, but I 8) ..... (not/unpack) everything yet.  
A: I 9) ..... (phone) you on Tuesday but there 10) ..... (be) no answer.  
B: I 11) ..... (be) busy at my new house then.  
A: Never mind, I only 12) ..... (want) to invite you to a party next week at my house.  
B: Great! Thank you.

Task 4

- 1 Mr and Mrs Patel ...*won*... (win) two free tickets to Paris in a TV show last week.
- 2 First, Robert ..... (brush) his teeth, then he ..... (go) to bed.
- 3 "..... (you/ever/see) a lion?" "Yes, I saw one when I ..... (go) to Kenya in 1996."
- 4 I ..... (not/see) my family for two years.
- 5 "Where's John?" "He ..... (go) fishing for the day with his father."
- 6 My sister ..... (not/play) the violin since she was twelve.
- 7 I ..... (already/see) this film. Let's watch something else.
- 8 Last week, Fred ..... (fall) off a ladder and ..... (break) his arm.
- 9 I ..... (never/hear) such a moving song before.
- 10 Jennifer ..... (always/want) to get Harrison Ford's autograph.