

5 Fill in the gaps (1–14) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or the present perfect.

Dear Alice,

We ¹ _____ (not hear) from you for a long time so I ² _____ (decide) to write to you and find out if everything is OK with you. I hope you ³ _____ (enjoy) your stay in Brighton last month. How long ago ⁴ _____ (you/come) back? ⁵ _____ (you/meet) anybody interesting there?

Nothing ⁶ _____ (change) much round here since you ⁷ _____ (leave). The bad news is that I ⁸ _____ (fail) my driving test again! When I ⁹ _____ (approach) the junction, I ¹⁰ _____ (not notice) when the lights ¹¹ _____ (turn) red and I ¹² _____ (drive) on. The good news is that Peter and Amanda ¹³ _____ (just get) married. They ¹⁴ _____ (fly) to a Greek island for their honeymoon last weekend.

Please write soon. Take care.

Clare

6 Complete the sentences (1–10) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple.

- I _____ (be) on a diet for three weeks now but _____ (not lose) a single pound yet.
- They _____ (spend) their holidays in Tuscany three times.
- When Tricia _____ (be) a student, she _____ (live) in a hall of residence for almost a year.
- We _____ (solve) crossword puzzles for two hours. So far we _____ (solve) five of them.
- Robert _____ (be) last ill ages ago.
- You look very tired. What _____ (you/do)?
- That dress looks nice. Where _____ (you/buy) it?
- I _____ (not see) my grandparents since I _____ (begin) my university course.
- Anna is one of the most interesting people I _____ (meet) in my life.
- I first _____ (go) to London ten years ago and I _____ (return) several times since then.

7 Fill in the gaps (1–12) with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect simple, present perfect continuous or past simple.

Hi Tom,

How are things? We ¹ _____ (arrive) in New York last Saturday and we ² _____ (explore) ever since. We ³ _____ (already/be) to Central Park, and this morning we ⁴ _____ (visit) the Statue of Liberty.

My brother is very happy! He ⁵ _____ (eat) non-stop. You know how much he loves his food! We ⁶ _____ (find) so many interesting restaurants in New York, and so many different types of cuisines! I love Mexican and Chinese. We ⁷ _____ (not try) sushi yet, but that's next on our list.

This afternoon, we ⁸ _____ (look) round Times Square. ⁹ _____ (you/ever/be) there? It's amazing. I ¹⁰ _____ (never/see) so many great shops in one place. I wanted to go to Macy's too, but we ¹¹ _____ (not have) time today. Maybe we'll go tomorrow.

Anyway, ¹² _____ (you/miss) me all this time? I can't wait to see you!

See you when I get back!

Love

Tess

8 Complete the second sentence in each pair so it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

- We've already done a maths test today.
We _____ it earlier today.
- I last ate meat three years ago.
I _____ meat for three years.
- It's a long time since I've played football.
I _____ football for a long time.
- I've just seen Tara.
I _____ Tara a few minutes ago.
- I didn't have breakfast when I got up.
I _____ breakfast yet.
- He moved to London years ago.
He _____ in London for years.