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Grammar Practice

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or present perfect simple form of the verbs below.

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- 1 Paul and Jess _____ each other since 2004. They're very good friends.
- 2 I _____ my girlfriend exactly a year ago.
- 3 This year _____ well for me so far.
- 4 'You look upset.' 'I _____ just _____ some terrible news.'
- 5 I _____ some photos on Facebook a few hours ago.
- 6 'Where _____ you _____ when you were a child?' 'In Leeds.'
- 7 My uncle _____ a lot of money in the past few months.
- 8 'Would you like to try these frogs' legs?' 'Yes, please! I _____ them before.'
- 9 In most state schools, healthy food _____ fast-food meals yet.
- 10 I _____ French for four years while I was at secondary school.

2 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Martin _____ (complete) six crossword puzzles since midday.
- 2 Jack, you _____ (play) that computer game for four hours. Please stop!
- 3 'How many times _____ you _____ (read) that book?' 'Four or five times.'
- 4 As far as I can remember, I _____ (love) ice cream all my life!
- 5 My dad still doesn't have a driving licence. He _____ (fail) his driving test ten times!
- 6 'Your face is red. Have you got a temperature?' 'No, I _____ (exercise) at the gym.'
- 7 Jill and Nick _____ (live) in Tokyo for a few months now, and they're still enjoying it.
- 8 We _____ (prepare) all day and most of the evening and we're still not ready.
- 9 Sean and I _____ (know) each other for most of our lives.
- 10 What _____ you _____ (buy) your sister for her birthday?

3. COMPLETE THE SENTENCES AND QUESTIONS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS. USE THE PAST PERFECT, PAST CONTINUOUS AND PAST SIMPLE.

I was driving (drive) to work when I saw (see) the accident.

- 1 The witness _____ (just/start) speaking when the accused _____ (begin) to shout at him.
- 2 What _____ (you/do) when the robbers _____ (arrive)?
- 3 Burglars _____ (break) into our house last night and _____ (steal) the TV.
- 4 The robber _____ (not/go) very far when the police _____ (arrest) him.
- 5 While the police _____ (test) the man for alcohol, he _____ (fall) over.

4. COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS. USE NARRATIVE TENSES.

Last night at 9 p.m. I was (be) at home.

I ¹ _____ (watch) television when suddenly I ² _____ (hear) a noise. I went to check and it turned out that someone ³ _____ (break) a window at the back of the house! I ⁴ _____ (try) to phone the police, but the burglar ⁵ _____ (cut) the phone line so I couldn't get through. I ⁶ _____ (run) upstairs and ⁷ _____ (phone) the police on my mobile. The burglar heard me and while I ⁸ _____ (speak) to the police he ran away. It was a frightening experience.