

PRESENT – PAST – PRESENT PERFECT – PAST PERFECT

Fill in the gaps, using the correct tense



This is family Robertson: mommy Doris, daddy Dan, little David and Dagobert, the dog. Mr Robertson (be) 38 years old and (work) as a mechanic. His wife Doris (not work) full-time because she (always spend) the afternoon at home with little David who (be) five years now and (attend) a nursery school since he was two years old. David (usually enjoy) being at his school, but today he (stay) home because he (not feel) well. So far he (have) the flu four times this year and he (be) injured even more often. Last April he (fall) off the swing, (break) his arm and (have) to stay at hospital for two days. While he (lie) in his hospital bed, mommy and daddy (sit) next to him and (tell) him stories. Before the parents (arrive) at the hospital, they (visit) David's grandparents.

Every afternoon Doris and David (walk) the dog. Yesterday, for example, they (not run) through the park, but (go) down to the river, a place which David and the dog (like) a lot. After they (arrive) there, David (throw) stones into the water while the dog (splash) around in the water.

Every once in a while grandpa and grandpa (come) to visit them. At the moment they (travel) through Europe. They (leave) their home town two weeks ago and will be back in a month. They (already see) places in Spain and France and for three days they (stay) in Rome which they will leave for Tuscany tomorrow. David (love) his grandparents a lot because they (always make) him little presents and they (not be) angry with him. Only Dagobert, the dog, (not be) happy whenever the older couple (spend) a weekend with them because grandma (be) allergic to pet hair and Dagobert (not can) stay in the house but he (must) stay in the garden and garden shed instead.

Form questions and negations of the sentences given. Mind the tenses!

1. They have been living in the house for sixteen years now.

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2. Daniel attends primary school.

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3. The grandparents were staying in Madrid.

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4. The dog always has to stay in the house.

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5. Daniel broke his left leg some years ago.

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6. Doris has baked a cake.

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7. The dog is barking.

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8. Daniel was swimming in the river.

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9. The grandparents bought some presents for the dog.

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10. Daniel has been playing in his rooms for hours.

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