Past Simple / Present Perfect Simple

A Choose the correct answer.

1. I'm really hungry. I (haven't eaten / didn't eat) yet.
2. They (arrived / have arrived) a week ago.
3. We (have worked / worked) here for three years.
4. They (didn't recognise / haven't recognised) me at yesterday's meeting.
5. Our neighbour (was / has been) in hospital since Friday.
6. (Have you travelled / Did you travel) abroad many times?

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Simple.

1. John ..... (not call) me recently.
2. They ..... (buy) a new car last month.
3. The teacher ..... (not return) the tests yet.
4. How long ..... she ..... (know) about this problem?
5. ..... you ever ..... (hear) such an unbelievable story?
6. When I was a child, I ..... (live) in England for two years.
7. He ..... (buy) me a beautiful gift for my birthday.
8. I am so excited to have a dog. I ..... (always / want) one.

C Correct the error in each of the sentences.

1. Have you ever eat Chinese food?
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2. She has moved to another city last year.
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3. They have sent out the invitations yet.
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4. Jack hasn't seen Jill since she has graduated.
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5. Mr Brown already left the office.
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6. We haven't been abroad since a year.
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7. The lesson has started ten minutes ago.
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8. Did she just leave?
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D Complete the passage with suitable words.

I [1]..... always been very fit and healthy, and I have [2]..... had a serious illness. However, a couple of weeks [3]..... , I caught the flu. I must admit that until then, I [4]..... not realised just how unpleasant the flu could be. I had a high temperature for nearly a week, and my whole body hurt. I don't think I have [5]..... felt so miserable. It's taking me ages to get my strength back. It really bothers me that I haven't had enough energy to play football [6]..... I got ill. In fact, I have [7]..... been to the doctor to ask if it's normal to feel weak for so long. He says I'll soon feel better. Apparently I'm lucky. For some people, especially the old and the weak, the flu can be very serious. Doctors have tried [8]..... years to find a cure for the flu, but they haven't found one [9]..... . Fortunately, researchers have developed a vaccine which gives effective protection against the disease. According to my doctor, most of his elderly patients have [10]..... received their flu shots.