



HANDOUT 2

English VI

Grammar *Using the present perfect tense*

Read the newspaper article and underline the verbs.

OFFICER OF THE WEEK

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gray was 22 years old when he decided to become a military officer. He joined the US Army on July 4, 1984. He has been *in the Army for 20 years*.

LTC Gray began his military career at Fort Sill. In 1986, he moved to Germany for three years. Since 1989, he has served in five other countries. He went to Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth five years ago. He has been a lieutenant colonel since last year.

In May of this year, he came to Texas. He has lived at Fort Sam Houston for four months. Since he arrived, he has worked as a Deputy Inspector General. He and his wife have enjoyed meeting new people here.



EXERCISE A Answer these questions about the newspaper article.

1. When did LTC Gray join the Army? _____
2. How long has he been in the Army? _____
3. Is he still in the Army? _____
4. Where did LTC Gray live in 1986? _____
5. When did LTC move to Texas? _____
6. Where does LTC Gray live now? _____