

CAMBRIDGE GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY FOR FCE

PAST SIMPLE, PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE & CONTINUOUS

Read the theory and solve the activities.

- 1 Complete the article. Use the past simple or present perfect simple of the verbs in brackets.

MACHU PICCHU

We ⁽⁰⁾ have known (know) about Machu Picchu for over a century now. Archaeologists ⁽¹⁾ (discover) this ancient Inca site in 1911. They ⁽²⁾ (write) books and newspaper articles about their discovery, so people all over the world ⁽³⁾ (read) about the site and ⁽⁴⁾ (want) to see it for themselves. The first tourists ⁽⁵⁾ (start) to arrive in the 1960s. Now, more than half a century later, millions of visitors ⁽⁶⁾ (be) to Machu Picchu. Tourists from all over the world ⁽⁷⁾ (see) this marvellous Inca city with their own eyes.

In recent years, Machu Picchu ⁽⁸⁾ (become) one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world. Luxury hotels have been built not far from the site, while in the late 1990s, the Peruvian government ⁽⁹⁾ (allow) the construction of a cable car for visitors. However, all this ⁽¹⁰⁾ (do) a lot of harm to the site. It ⁽¹¹⁾ (pollute) the atmosphere and caused noise pollution around the ancient city. In an effort to protect the site, UNESCO ⁽¹²⁾ (make) Machu Picchu a World Heritage site in 1983.

- 2 Read the sentences from a letter of application and choose the correct answer.

- 0 I am writing in connection with the advertisement which appeared / *has appeared* in *Career* online magazine on 3 December.
- 1 I *originally studied* / *have originally studied* Mechanical Engineering at university and I *graduated* / *have been graduating* with a first class degree.
- 2 I *now completed* / *have now completed* a postgraduate degree in Business and Administration.
- 3 I *have tried* / *have been trying* to find a permanent job for months.
- 4 I *worked* / *have worked* for several companies on a temporary basis till now.
- 5 In my first job, I *was* / *have been* responsible for marketing.
- 6 I *applied* / *have applied* for several posts this year.
- 7 However, I still *did not manage* / *have not managed* to find what I am looking for.
- 8 The last job I *applied* / *have applied* for required applicants to speak some Japanese.
- 9 I *started* / *have started* learning Spanish a few months ago but I *did not obtain* / *have not obtained* a qualification in it yet.
- 10 I *did not apply* / *have not applied* for a job with your company before.
- 11 I *hoped* / *have hoped* that you would consider my application favourably.
- 12 However, I *have waited* / *have been waiting* for a reply for several weeks and I still *did not receive* / *have not received* one from you.



- 3 Complete the text. Use the past simple, present perfect simple or present perfect continuous of the verbs in brackets.

The Internet ⁽⁰⁾ has changed (change) our lives in so many ways. Most people say it ⁽¹⁾ (make) life better, and this is probably true. It ⁽²⁾ (have) some bad influence, too but I think it ⁽³⁾ (do) more good than harm.

First of all, it has made communication much easier and it ⁽⁴⁾ (bring) people around the world much closer. I have a friend in Mexico, who I ⁽⁵⁾ (write) to for years. First, I used to write her letters and I ⁽⁶⁾ (have to) wait for weeks before I ⁽⁷⁾ (get) a reply. It ⁽⁸⁾ (take) ages! Now we communicate by email. Already this week, I ⁽⁹⁾ (sent) her five emails – and I ⁽¹⁰⁾ (receive) a reply to all of them in just a few minutes!

What else? Well, for the last few days, my son ⁽¹¹⁾ (teach) me to make video calls so I can talk to friends and see them at the same time. It's amazing – and highly addictive, too! Already this morning, I ⁽¹²⁾ (sit) in front of the screen for three hours, and I ⁽¹³⁾ (not finish) half my emails yet!