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!

LIVEWORKSHEETS