

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

In recent years, Machu Picchu <sup>(8)</sup> ..... (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 <sup>(9)</sup> ..... (allow) the construction of a cable car for visitors. However, all this <sup>(10)</sup> ..... (do) a lot of harm to the site. It <sup>(11)</sup> ..... (pollute) the atmosphere and caused noise pollution around the ancient city. In an effort to protect the site, UNESCO <sup>(12)</sup> ..... (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 <sup>(0)</sup>has changed (change) our lives in so many ways. Most people say it <sup>(1)</sup> ..... (make) life better, and this is probably true. It <sup>(2)</sup> ..... (have) some bad influence, too but I think it <sup>(3)</sup> ..... (do) more good than harm.

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

What else? Well, for the last few days, my son <sup>(11)</sup> ..... (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 <sup>(12)</sup> ..... (sit) in front of the screen for three hours, and I <sup>(13)</sup> ..... (not finish) half my emails yet!

