

**1. Complete the sentences with for, since or ago.**

1. I've known Justin ..... we were at school together.
2. We met 20 years.....
3. Where have you been? I haven't seen you ..... ages!
4. I haven't played tennis ..... a while.
5. I've been on a diet ..... March.
6. Once upon a time, a long time ..... there was a sad princess.

**2. Choose the correct option.**

1. I've been a student of English.....
2. How long ..... Adam?
3. The last time I had a holiday was.....
4. I lived with my parents .....
5. I've lived with my parents.....
6. I haven't had anything to eat.....

**3. Which sentence, a or b means that Paulo still works as a waiter?**

- a) Pablo worked as a waiter for two months.
- b) Pablo has worked as a waiter for two months.

**4. Rewrite the sentences using Past Simple and the time expression in brackets.**

1. I've already seen that film. (*yesterday*) I saw it yesterday.
2. We've arrived in Madrid. (*at six o'clock*) We ..... here.....
3. She's bought a new bag. (*last week*) She ..... it.....
4. Damien's written a novel. (*two years ago*) He ..... it.....
5. They've been to Japan before. (*in 2023*) They ..... there.....
6. She's just begun learning French. (*after her holiday in Nice*) She.....
7. I've lost my phone. (*last night*) I ..... it.....
8. We've lived in New York. (*when we were first married*) We ..... there.....
9. I've worked in Italy. (*from 2018 to 2022*) I ..... in Rome.....
10. We've already had dinner. (*before we left home*) We ..... a curry.....

## 5. Put the verbs in Present Perfect or Past Simple.

A: Who are the people in the photo?  
B: They're my cousins in Australia. Their mum is my mum's elder sister.  
A: Oh! ..... they ..... (be) there long?  
B: yeah! For years. They ..... (go) before I was born.  
A: So, ..... you ..... (ever/meet) them?  
B: Yeah! Once! They ..... (come) over to England when I was about five – but I can't remember much about it.  
A: ..... your mum ..... (ever/visit) them?  
B: Yeah, she ..... (fly) over to Sydney two years ago when my aunt was ill.  
A: Is your aunt OK now?  
B: She's fine. I'd love to visit them one day!

A: Jake, ..... you ..... (ever/live) on your own?  
J: Yes, of course I have!  
A: When ..... you ..... (do) that?  
J: When I was studying in Edinburgh.  
I ..... (have) my own flat there. Why?  
A: Well, I'm going to work in Spain next year, and I'm a bit worried. I ..... (always/live) at home. I ..... (never even/ do) the laundry for myself!  
J: Don't worry! You'll learn.

A: Hey, Beth! When do you start your new job?  
B: I ..... (already/start). I ..... (start) a week ago in fact.  
A: So, how's it going? ..... you ..... (meet) your new boss yet?  
B: No, I ..... ! She ..... (be) abroad at a conference. She ..... (get back) last night, so I'll meet her today.  
A: And do you like your work so far?  
B: It's early days! I ..... (not decide) yet.  
A: Well, good luck! Let me know how it goes!



## Listen and check

## The Koch family

12 Read the article about Jim Koch. Answer the questions.

- 1 What was his family's business?
- 2 Why did his father not want him to continue in it?
- 3 What is the biggest lesson Jim has learned?

13 Read the article again. Underline the correct tense – Past Simple, Past Continuous or Present Perfect.



Jim Koch giving a tour of the brewery

The Koch family has brewed / brewed beer for six generations, but when Jim Koch wanted to continue the family tradition, his father thought / was thinking it was a very bad idea. He said, 'Jim, you did / have done some dumb things in your life, but this is the dumbest.'

This was 1984, the beer industry in America was in a bad way and the family business has suffered / was suffering. At that time, Harvard-graduate Jim was earning / has earned a high salary as a business consultant, but he wasn't enjoying / hasn't enjoyed it. So, despite his father's disapproval, he left / has left his job and decided to rebuild the family brewery business. He didn't want / wasn't wanting to compete with the big breweries, he just wanted to make good quality, traditionally brewed beer. Jim discovered / has discovered his great-great-grandfather's German beer recipe in the attic, and used it to create his first lager. He named it 'Samuel Adams', after

14 Which of these sentences are true (✓) or false (✗)?

Correct the false ones.

- 1  The family business has always been successful.
- 2  Jim went to one of the best American universities.
- 3  Jim named the beer after his great-great-grandfather.
- 4  Americans were growing tired of the beer produced by the big beer companies.
- 5  Jim's company has become more successful than he imagined.
- 6  He has always believed that that happiness comes from making money.

the 18th century Boston brewer and war hero. Jim was both clever and lucky – his 'craft' quality beer <sup>10</sup>hit / was hitting the market at the perfect time, when Americans <sup>11</sup>began / was beginning to grow tired of mass produced beer. Twenty years later, in 2004, Jim's company was worth \$70 million!

Since then the popularity of 'craft' beer <sup>12</sup>has continued / continued to grow. There are now more than 5,000 craft breweries in the US, worth \$23.5 billion! Jim's company <sup>13</sup>became / has become a billion-dollar business – it sells three to four billion barrels of beer a year. He can't believe how much money he <sup>14</sup>made / has made already. He says, 'My plan was to get about a million dollars a year in sales.' Over the years Jim <sup>15</sup>was learning / has learned many lessons about life, but he says the biggest one is 'Do what makes you happy rather than what's going to make you rich.'