

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.



The Koch family ¹ *has brewed* / *brewed* beer for six generations, but when Jim Koch wanted to continue the family tradition, his father ² *thought* / *was thinking* it was a very bad idea. He said, 'Jim, you ³ *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 ⁴ *has suffered* / *was suffering*. At that time, Harvard-graduate Jim ⁵ *was earning* / *has earned* a high salary as a business consultant, but he ⁶ *wasn't enjoying* / *hasn't enjoyed* it. So, despite his father's disapproval, he ⁷ *left* / *has left* his job and decided to rebuild the family brewery business. He ⁸ *didn't want* / *wasn't wanting* to compete with the big breweries, he just wanted to make good quality, traditionally brewed beer.

Jim ⁹ *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 (X)?
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 ¹⁰ *hit* / *was hitting* the market at the perfect time, when Americans ¹¹ *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 ¹² *has continued* / *continued* to grow. There are now more than 5,000 craft breweries in the US, worth \$23.5 billion! Jim's company ¹³ *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 ¹⁴ *made* / *has made* already. He says, 'My plan was to get about a million dollars a year in sales.' Over the years Jim ¹⁵ *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.'