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.....

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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!



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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.

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-grandfathe
4 ☐ Americans were growing tired of the beer producec 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.

Family fortunes
from failure to success!



Jim Koch giving a tour of the brewery

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 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.'

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