

The article on page 48 is about daily life in Lagos, Nigeria. Read a blog about living in New York and choose the correct form of the verbs.

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1 *I've lived* / *I lived* in New York for about three years now. It's an exciting place to live, but there are quite a few annoying things about it, too. For a start, it's incredibly expensive.

When 2 *I've moved* / *I moved* into my flat three years ago, the rent was already quite high, but it 3 *has gone up* / *went up* three times since then.

It can also be quite a violent place. 4 *I haven't been* / *I wasn't* mugged yet, but my best friend has. Luckily, she wasn't actually hurt; 5 *they've just taken* / *they just took* her bag.

And the traffic – it's dreadful. It 6 *has taken* / *took* me more than an hour to get to work today, and nearly as long to get home.

However, 7 *I've never lived* / *I never lived* anywhere where there is so much to do. Over the past month 8 *I've been* / *I went* to the theatre three times, as well as to a number of great art exhibitions. 9 *I've also just* / *I also just* started salsa classes. You can find everything from everywhere here.

So, although living in New York has some bad points, on balance I don't think I want to live anywhere else in the world.

Choose the correct options to complete the conversations.

- 1 A When *did you move* / *have you moved* to Frankfurt?
B *Six months ago* / *Since six months.*
- 2 A I've been very busy *yesterday* / *recently*.
B Me too. I started a new project at work *since last week* / *last week*.
- 3 A I haven't had lunch *yet* / *already*. I'm starving.
B Oh, I *went* / *'ve been* to that new café for lunch. It *was* / *has been* really good. You should go there.
A Yes, I went there *a few days ago* / *already*. I agree - it's good.
- 4 A I *didn't see* / *haven't seen* Junko's new apartment yet.
Did / *Have* you?
B Yes, I *saw* / *'ve seen* it a few days ago.
- 5 A We *lived* / *'ve lived* in Venice for seven years. From 2005 to 2012.
B I *never went* / *'ve never been* to Venice. I hear it's beautiful.
- 6 A Have you finished your exams *on Friday* / *yet*?
B No, I've done two of them *last week* / *so far*.

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or present perfect.

Video games ¹ have existed (exist) for over sixty years. The first video games ² appeared (appear) in the 1940s, when academics ³ began (begin) designing simple games, simulations, and artificial intelligence programs as part of their computer science research. However, video gaming ⁴ reached (not/reach) mainstream popularity until the 1970s and 1980s, when arcade games, gaming consoles and home video games ⁵ became (become) available to the general public. Before the development of realistic computer graphics that ⁶ occurred (occur) recently, the games that ⁷ drove (drive) the industry in the 1970s ⁸ were (be) basic games like *Ping Pong* and, a little later, *Space Invaders*. Since then, video gaming ⁹ has become (become) a popular form of entertainment and a part of modern culture in most parts of the world, and today almost everyone under the age of fifty ¹⁰ has played (play) a video game at least once.