

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 (appear) in the 1940s, when academics ³ (begin) designing simple games, simulations, and artificial intelligence programs as part of their computer science research. However, video gaming ⁴ (not/reach) mainstream popularity until the 1970s and 1980s, when arcade games, gaming consoles and home video games ⁵ (become) available to the general public. Before the development of realistic computer graphics that ⁶ (occur) recently, the games that ⁷ (drive) the industry in the 1970s ⁸ (be) basic games like *Ping Pong* and, a little later, *Space Invaders*. Since then, video gaming ⁹ (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 (play) a video game at least once.