

Grammar review

Present perfect with *for*, *since* and *How long ...?*

1 Complete the text with the correct present perfect form of the verbs and *for* or *since*.

Can you speak emoji?

Pictures 1 have been (be) a popular way of communicating 2 _____ thousands of years. In fact, people 3 _____ (design) pictures to represent words or feelings 4 _____ ancient times. So it isn't surprising that we all love using emojis in text messages. People 5 _____ (use) emojis 6 _____ the 1990s, when they first became popular in Japan. Emojis are fun, but users 7 _____ (know) 8 _____ some time that there are also problems with them. People from different countries don't always understand them in the same way. A waving hand might just mean 'goodbye' in one culture, but in another it might mean, 'I don't want to see you again.'



Round-up

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Choose the correct words to complete the article.



Can you learn in your sleep?

1 Did you ever think/Have you ever thought how amazing it would be if you could learn in your sleep? In the past, some people 2 believed/have believed that you could learn a foreign language if you listened to it while you 3 have slept/were sleeping. Does that sound 4 too much easy/too easy? Well, it seems that it doesn't work after all. Scientists have studied sleep 5 for/since many years now, and they now believe that we can't learn new things in our sleep. But sleep can help us to remember things we 6 already learnt/have already learnt. 7 A few years ago/Since a few years, scientists did some experiments on memory. In one experiment, people tried to learn a set of new words and then remember them for a test later. Some people slept before the test and some didn't. And 8 what happened/what did it happen? Well, the scientists found that people who slept before the test got 9 higher/the highest scores than those who didn't sleep. It seems that our brains 10 need/are needing sleep to help make strong memories.

just, yet and already

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I have just/yet started learning German.
- I haven't passed my driving test already/yet.
- I already have/have already spoken to Maddie about setting up a study group.
- Have you finished your French course yet/just?
- Sara just has got/has just got her exam results.

Present perfect and past simple

3 Find and correct six mistakes with the verbs and time expressions in the text.

Have you ever
Have ever you watched people using sign language? Sign languages are languages that you speak using your hands. I became interested in them a few months ago when my aunt has lost her ability to hear. I've wanted to communicate with her, so I started learning sign language. Since then, I've done quite well. I already learnt more than 100 signs, but there are still a lot that I don't know! I just started a course in sign language at my local college, so that will help me learn faster. I've seen my aunt last week, and we had a really good conversation using our hands. It was pretty cool!

Self-evaluation

Read the objectives for this unit. How well can you do each one? Put a tick (✓).



- I can talk about skills and abilities.
- I can talk about learning techniques.
- I can use the present perfect.
- I can decide when to use the past simple or present perfect.
- I can scan a text for specific information.
- I can take notes while I'm listening.
- I can ask for and give information.
- I can write a blog.



If you choose , ask your teacher for extra help.