

16 How have you changed?

1 Choose the correct responses.



1. A: Hey, you really look different.

B: Well, I've grown a mustache.

- I moved into a new house.
- I'm more outgoing than before.
- Well, I've grown a mustache.

2. A: I haven't seen you for ages.

B: _____

- I know. How have you been?
- Well, I got a bank loan.
- My new job is more stressful.

3. A: You know, I have three kids now.

B: _____

- No, I haven't graduated from college yet.
- Wow, I can't believe it!
- Say, you've really changed your hair.

4. A: How are you?

B: _____

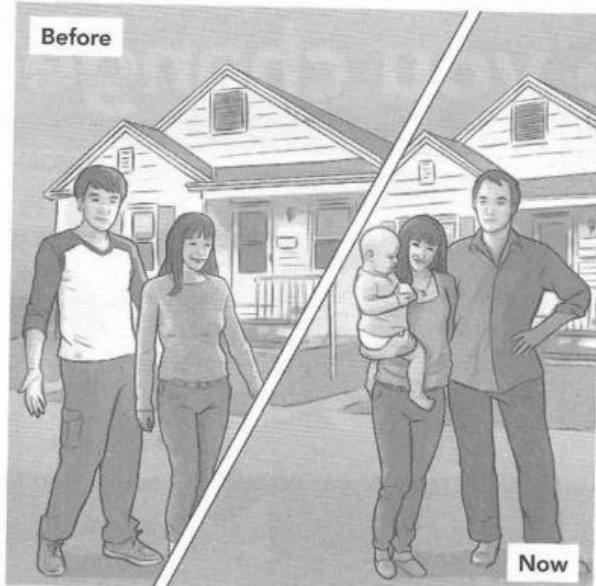
- I hope to get my driver's license soon.
- Well, actually, I turned 18.
- I'm doing really well.

2 Complete the sentences. Use information in the box and the present perfect.

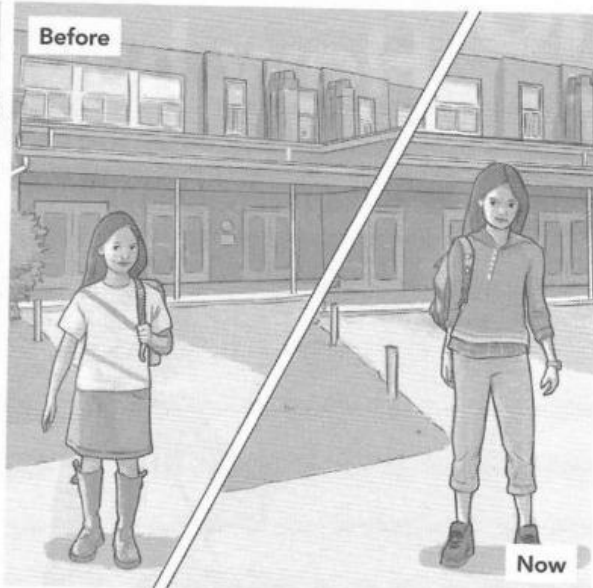
☐ fall in love ☐ get two pay raises ☐ start an online course

1. JoAnn _____ this year. Now she has enough money to buy a house.
2. Irvin _____. He's studying to become a graphic designer.
3. Gisela and Russ _____. They're going to get married in December.

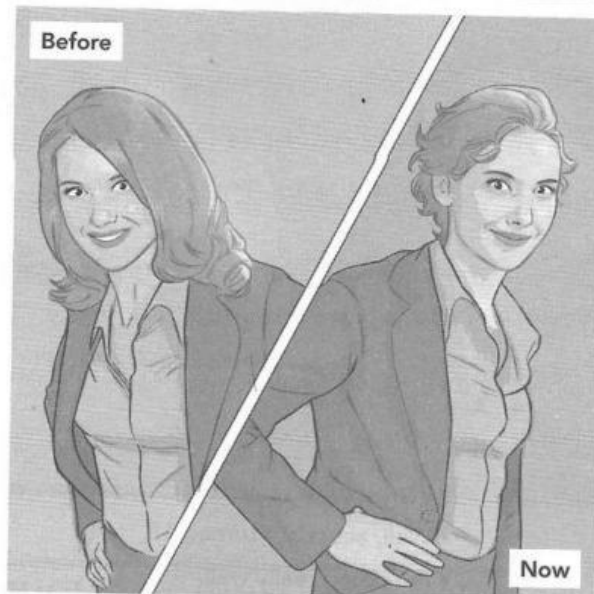
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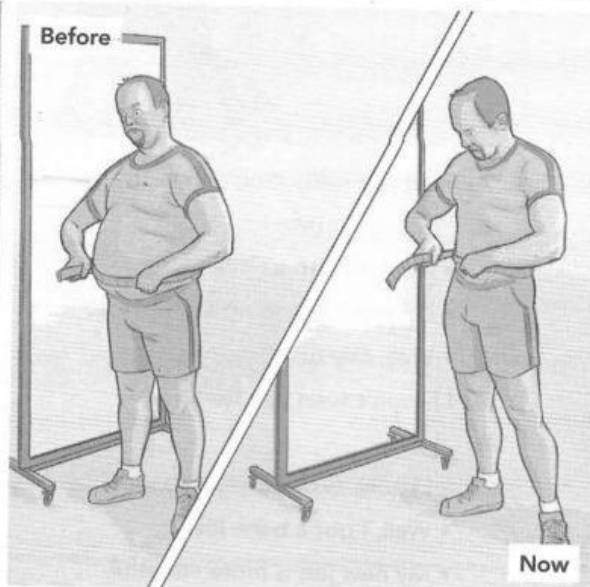
Before



2. Sara



3. Ella



4. Ron

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1. I've grown out my hair.

My hair is longer now. _____ (longer)

2. Raquel gained a lot of weight.

(heavier)

3. Ben goes to a new school now.

(change)

4. Helen and George got divorced last year.

(married)

5. Traci quit eating fast food.

(healthier)

6. We quit working out at the gym.

(not go)

5 Life changes

A Read the passages on the left in part B. Complete these sentences.

1. _____ had an interesting job two years ago.
2. _____ had money problems two years ago.
3. _____ was a student two years ago.

B Now read the passages on the right. Match the people's lives two years ago with their lives now.



Two years ago	Now
1. Rafael Two years ago, I was a student, and I thought life was really good. I got up late. I spent the day talking to friends, and then I studied all night. I wore jeans and sweatshirts and had long hair and a beard. I felt free. _____	a. Now my life has completely changed. I got married six months ago! My husband and I often have friends over for dinner. We're taking classes several nights a week. It's great! We're even talking about starting a family soon.
2. Diane I moved to a new town two years ago. My job was interesting, but I was single and I didn't have any friends. People at work were friendly but not very outgoing. We never did anything after work. _____	b. Now I work as a computer programmer for an international company. I've moved to Seoul and have started to learn Korean. Korean food is great, and I've gained a few pounds. I feel much happier and healthier.
3. Krystina My life seemed to come to an end two years ago. I lost my job. Then I lost weight and looked terrible. Money became a problem. I was very sad. I needed some good luck. _____	c. Now I actually look forward to getting up early in the morning and going to work. Of course, I dress up now, and my hair is shorter. But I don't really mind. At least my evenings are free!

C Underline at least two changes in each person's life.

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| ☐ broke | ☐ graduation | ☐ responsibilities |
| ☐ career | ☒ loan | ☐ successful |

1. Rhonda wants to pay off her student loan before she buys a car.
2. I'd like to be _____ in my first job. Then I can get a better job and a raise.
3. I go to school, and I have a family and a part-time job. I have a lot of _____.
4. After _____, Amelia and Lee plan to look for jobs.
5. Max lost his job. Now he's _____, and he can't pay his rent.
6. What _____ are you most interested in pursuing?



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Complete this conversation. Use the words given.

Mariko: What do you plan to do (plan, do) this summer, Brian?

Brian: I _____ (want, get) a summer job.
I _____ (like, save) money for a vacation.

Mariko: Really? Where _____ (like, go)?

Brian: I _____ (love, travel) to Latin America.
What about you, Mariko?

Mariko: Well, I _____ (not go, get) a job right away. First, I _____ (want, go) to Spain and Portugal.

Brian: Sounds great, but how _____ (go, pay) for it?

Mariko: I _____ (hope, borrow) some money from my brother. I have a good excuse. I _____ (plan, take) courses in Spanish and Portuguese.

Brian: Oh, I'm tired of studying!

Mariko: I love to study. I also _____ (hope, take) people on tours to Latin America. Why don't you come on my first tour?

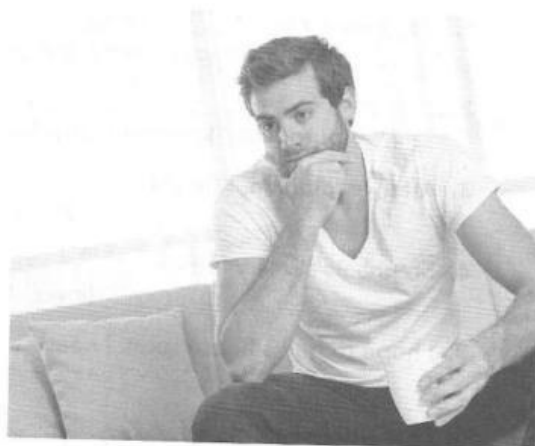
Brian: Count me in!

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Imagine you have these problems. Write three sentences about changing your situation. Use the words in the box.

1. I just moved to a new town, and I don't know anyone. I never do anything after work. People at work don't really talk to me. I haven't had a date in about four months. And I never find anything fun to do on the weekends.

I'm going to ... I want to ... I plan to ...



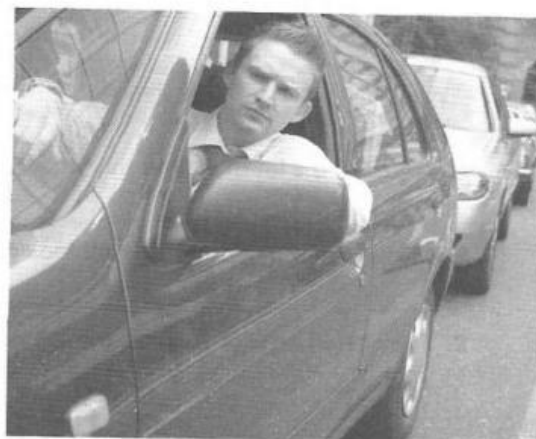
2. I've become less careful about my health lately. I've stopped jogging because I'm bored with it. I've started eating more fast food because I'm too tired to cook after work. And I can't sleep at night.

I'm going to ... I'd like to ... I'd love to ...



3. My job is so boring. I spend two hours driving to and from work every day, and I don't make enough money! I can't find a new job, though, because of my poor computer skills.

I hope to ... I want to ... I plan to ...



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Choose the correct words to complete each sentence. Use the correct form of the word and add any words if necessary.

- Floyd hopes to move to a small town.
(move / live / change)
- This job is _____ my last job.
(outgoing / stressful / crowded)
- After graduation, Kira plans _____ for an international company.
(play / work / move)
- Stephanie's salary is much _____ before. She had to take a pay cut.
(low / short / high)
- I hope to buy a house soon. I need _____ a bank loan.
(open / start / get)
- Neil and Kelly *got* _____ *last summer. The wedding will be in April.*
(engage / marry)



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Advise people how to make changes in their lives. Use expressions like the ones in the box.

Why don't you . . . You should . . . You shouldn't . . .

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| 1. I've gained a lot of weight this year.
_____ | 5. I'm often bored on weekends.
_____ |
| 2. My hair is longer, but it doesn't look good.
_____ | 6. I don't really have any goals.
_____ |
| 3. I've gotten tired of wearing the same old clothes.
_____ | 7. I've finished this textbook, but I still want to improve my English!
_____ |
| 4. I want to start a successful business.
_____ | |