

TIME EXPRESSIONS

Choose the most suitable time expression. Write the word in the space.

I. a) I haven't seen Gerry *for/since* a long time. How is he?

b) It's ages *ago/since* I last went to a football match.

c) I've written to Deborah *last week/recently*.

d) What have you been doing *today/yesterday*?

e) Have you eaten Italian food *before/already*?

f) I've been living here *in/since* the end of last year.

g) Actually I had dinner with Sue *last night/lately*.

h) I've been trying to get in touch with David *for ages/for the last time*.

i) Terry hasn't been to Edinburgh *since/when* we went there together.

j) I can't remember *how long/when* I've had this watch.

II. a) I work in this office *all this year/all the time*.

b) Emerson is *currently/for long* top of the driver's league.

c) I am not making much money *these days/so far this year*.

d) The food tastes even worse *now/presently*. You've put too much salt in.

e) *Normally/Previously* we get in touch with customers by post.

f) Pete was ill but he is getting over his illness *soon/now*.

g) I'm feeling rather run down *lately/at present*, doctor.

h) I always stay on duty *since/until* six o'clock.

i) I'm *often/forever* picking your hairs out of the bath!

j) Fortunately the baby *now/recently* sleeps all night.

III. a) It's a long time *since/when* I last saw you.

b) I've seen Bill quite often *lately/from time to time*.

- c) Have you spoken to the director *beforehand/already*?
- d) I've lived in the same house *for years/for ever*.
- e) I've read the paper *now/still*.
- f) Diana has bought a computer *two years ago/since then*.
- g) Nothing much has been happening *by now/so far*.
- h) I've finished reading her new book *at last/this evening*.
- i) Sue bought a CD player last week and she's been listening to music *ever since/for a while*.
- j) Sorry, but I haven't got that work finished *already/yet*.