

## 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*.