

A Look at the sentences and put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect form.

- 1 My best friend and I _____ (know) each other for over ten years.
- 2 I _____ (not buy) anyone a present recently.
- 3 My father _____ (have) the same job for ages.
- 4 I _____ (live) in the same house since I was born.
- 5 My English teacher _____ (not work) at this school for very long.
- 6 I _____ (not spend) much money recently.
- 7 My partner _____ (be) at school today for longer than me.
- 8 I _____ (send) a few text messages today.
- 9 I _____ (not make) any new friends in the last few weeks.
- 10 Nobody in my family _____ (receive) good news recently.
- 11 I _____ (feel) happy since I woke up this morning.
- 12 I _____ (not see) a good film at the cinema for a long time.

Read the sentences and choose *been* or *gone*.

- 1 'Hi, can I speak to Terry, please?' 'I'm sorry, he isn't here at the moment. He's **been / gone** out for lunch.'
- 2 'I've **been / gone** to Germany three times, but I've never **been / gone** to France.'
- 3 'Have you **been / gone** to the butcher's this afternoon?'
'No, Kelly's just **been / gone**. She should be back soon.'
- 4 'I haven't seen the neighbours for ages.' 'No, they're away. They've **been / gone** to Mexico for a month.'
- 5 'Wow! You look tanned. Where have you **been / gone**?'
'Australia! The weather was great.'
- 6 'Have you **been / gone** to the skate park recently?'
'Yes! I've **been / gone** there every day this week.'
- 7 'Why isn't Jade answering the phone?' 'Maybe she's **been / gone** to work already.'
- 8 'Hurry up, Sam!' 'It's too late. The train has already **been / gone**.'

Decide whether the following time phrases are used with *for* or *since* and put them in the right column. Can you add any other time expressions to the lists?

I was born	July	ages	7 o'clock	two weeks
a long time	last weekend	a year	six months	
the day before yesterday	2010	I was a child		

for	since

Read the dialogue and put the verbs in brackets into either the past simple or present perfect.

Kate Hey, Olivia. I _____ (1 just / realise) that it's Mum and Dad's wedding anniversary next week.

Olivia Oh, yes 16th April. What do you reckon we should get them?

Kate Well, they _____ (2 not go) to the theatre for ages, so we could buy them tickets to a show.

Olivia But we _____ (3 get) them theatre tickets last year.

Kate You're right. Well, they _____ (4 not eat) at that new French place. We could book them a table.

Olivia Oh, come on, you know Dad. I'm sure he wouldn't like French food.

Kate Yeah, I suppose he is quite fussy about food. Well, they _____ (5 not have) a holiday since last summer. What about paying for them to go abroad for the weekend?

Olivia No way! That would cost a fortune!

Kate How about something for the garden?

Olivia But they _____ (6 go) to the garden centre two weeks ago and _____ (7 buy) lots of plants.

Kate I could go shopping and buy that DVD ... You know the one with John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.

Olivia You mean *Red*? But Mum _____ (8 already / see) that three times at the cinema.

Kate They _____ (9 have) their tennis rackets for years. I _____ (10 hear) Dad complaining about his when they _____ (11 come) back from their game last week. What about new rackets, then?

Olivia No, they'd be too difficult to choose. There are so many different types.

Kate Well, Mum _____ (12 say) yesterday that she _____ (13 be) bored with listening to the same music all the time. She _____ (14 not buy) any new CDs for ages. We could order something online.

Olivia Definitely not! I hate listening to their dreadful music!

Kate Oh, come on Olivia! I _____ (15 make) loads of suggestions and you _____ (16 not have) any ideas. Why don't YOU decide what to buy them?