

PAST TENSES

CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION

1. At last! I've **solved** / **been solving** the problem.
2. Jack has **been trying** / **tried** to get his book published for ages.
3. So, what have you **done** / **been doing** recently? Anything interesting?
4. My friend has **been buying** / **bought** a new car. It looks great.
5. I've never **believed** / **been believing** in ghosts.
6. Fantastic news! They've **been agreeing** / **agreed** to buy the house.
7. You look well. Have you **been taking** / **taken** more exercise recently?
8. The children are tired because they've **played** / **been playing** all day.
9. Have you **swum** / **been swimming**? Your hair looks wet.
10. Oh, there you are! I've **looked** / **been looking** for you everywhere.

MATCH THE STATEMENTS

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| a. Oh, no! I've just smashed a glass. | 1. Sam's not here. |
| b. I've already written fifteen emails. | 2. I'm not at the office. |
| c. Did you go to Teotihuacan while
you were in Mexico? | 3. I'm asking about your general
experience of travelling. |
| d. I worked here last year. | 4. Sam's here |
| e. Sam's gone out. | 5. Look! The glass is broken. |
| f. I read five reports at work today. | 6. I still work here. |
| g. I've worked here since 1999. | 7. I'm still at the office. |
| h. I smashed a glass. I didn't mean to. | 8. I smashed it yesterday. |
| i. Have you ever been to Teotihuacan? | 9. I'm asking about your holiday. |
| j. Sam's been out. | 10. Now I work somewhere else. |

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH **AGO**, **FOR** OR **SINCE**

1. Mike's had that old car ... eight years.
2. I last spoke to Tom two weeks
3. How long have you been waiting? half-past two.
4. I've felt much better I started going for walks.

5. That film was made over twenty years ...
6. This is the first time I've seen you ... the wedding.
7. Nick has been working ... hours. He must be tired.
8. Have you put on weight ... you stopped going to the gym?
9. No one has seen John ... three weeks.
10. I went to London many years ..., when I was still a student.

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Two weeks ago.....

..... since last year.

Last week.....

..... for the last hour.

..... already

.....yet.

..... last summer.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Where did you go yesterday?
2. How long have you been studying English?
3. How long have you known your best friend?
4. Did you have breakfast this morning? What did you eat?
5. Have you ever been to London?
6. What time did you wake up this morning?
7. What have you been doing for the last 10 minutes?