PRESENT PERFECT vs PAST SIMPLE

1. What movies _____ (you / see) recently?
2. They _____ (not watch) the football match last night.
3. I _____ (have / already) breakfast.
4. How long ago _____ (you / start) English lessons?
5. I _____ (never / visit) the UK.
6. He _____ (call) me yesterday.
7. They _____ (just / leave).
8. It _____ (close) down in April last year.
9. _____ (you / meet) Mr Parker again since last month?
10. We _____ (live) in Philadelphia for two years and then _____ (move) to Seattle.
11. _____ (you / wear) your hair long when you _____ (be) at university?
12. Shakespeare _____ (write) a lot of plays.
13. My neighbour is a playwright: he _____ (write) quite a few plays too. He _____ (just - finish) a new comedy.
14. When _____ (he /wake up) ? He _____ (wake up) at ten, but he _____ already (fall) asleep again.
15. _____ (you / close) all the blinds before you _____ (go) to bed?
16. I _____ (read) "Twilight" when I _____ (be) on holiday. And I _____ (enjoy) it very much.
17. He can't go out because he_____ (not finish) his homework.
18. I _____ (never - drink) beer before! Well, have some now.

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19. I _____ (write) this letter but I can't find a stamp.
20. He _____ (miss) the last bus and doesn't know what to do.

1. Completa l'intervista con un verbo al Past Simple o Present Perfect. Presta attenzione all'uso della forma affermativa, negativa, interrogativa. (***)

INTERVIEW with Hilde Proybo; a Norwegian rock star

- This is the first time you _____ (come) to Italy, isn't it?
- Exactly!
- And what are your first impressions?
- Well, I _____ (read) a lot about your country; before I _____ (come), people _____ (tell) me you are all very friendly, and when I _____ (arrive) at the airport everyone _____ (want) a picture with me. Your shops are wonderful! I _____ (already - do) some shopping - I _____ (buy) a colourful skirt and a lot of t-shirts as well.
- You _____ (have) time to do any sightseeing yet?
- Yes, I _____ (have) a walk in the centre. At a pizzeria the owner _____ (want) me to try some of your specialities: he _____ (explain) to me some of the secrets of your cuisine – I find the way he makes pizza really extraordinary.
- What about the future? Will you come here again?
- As soon as I can. I _____ (visit) Florence yet which I _____ (hear) so much about.

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2. Completa con un verbo al Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple o Present Perfect. (***)

A little girl with an Olivier award

After a number of roles in the West End she took to the stage at the London Palladium and now ... (boast) an OlivierAward on her shelf at home

On her last birthday she only ... (have) 10 candles on her birthday cake but her CV ... (already / glitter). Cleo Demetriou ... (be) born in Cyprus but now ... (live) permanently in London. She ... (make) her West End debut at just seven years old, when she ... (play) Greti in "The sound of music" at the London Palladium. the young actress then ... (find) herself alongside Alfie Boe and Matt Lucas in "Les Miserables". However it was the musical "Matilda" that ... (change) her career and ... (earn) her the highest honour in British theatre - an Olivier Award. Cleo ... (share) the title role with co-star Sophia Kiely and Eleanor Worthington Cox and together they ... (win) the accolade of "Best actress in a Musical" at the Royal Opera House in London. "Matilda", based on Roald Dahl's book by the same name, ... (triumph) at the Olivier Awards, winning 7 of the 10 awards for which it ... (get) a nomination.

After a magical evening alongside Brian May, the guitarist from Queen, young Cleo ... (return) to her dressing room. That is where she ... (usually / do) her homework, ... go) to auditions with her mother, ... (give) interviews and ... (pose)for pictures.

Even though she ...(say) that she ... (dream) of being a hairdresser ever since she ... (be) three, Cleo's future in the world of performing arts ... (get) off to a good start and is set to be a bright one.

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5. Completa con la forma corretta del verbo dato. (***)

Hey sweeties

I hope you are all having a lovely weekend? I cannot believe how fast it seems to be going. So far this weekend I... (be) shopping, shopping oh and more shopping - I ... (finally / make) a good start on my Christmas shopping and getting bits it for Halloween too. While shopping Liam ... (think) it would be good if we actually dressed up this year, as we ... (never / celebrate) Halloween that much - we ... (buy) lots of sweeties, ready for the kiddies.

So as I've been shopping quite a lot. Last weekend I ... (realise) it ... (be) time I ... (give) myself a little treat and I ... (want) some Autumn clothing, boots, jumpers and all that. But sadly I wasn't having much luck in the shops, everything is SO dark and I ... (hate) it, but I ... (manage) to pick up some lovely maroon jeans. I thought I'd share the little bits I ... (get) with you.

First up are these gorgeous studded boots - I just really ... (like) these when I ... (see) them.

Ever since the craze of the pearl/gem collar necklace had been hitting my dashboard I ... (be) tempted to go and buy it. I ... (get) this one for a bargain of £4, it is so cute.

Last up in this haul post, is a super cute heart embossed and silver studded over the body bag. I ... (get) this in the pink/dusky shade when I ... (go) to the mall.

So that is all for the time being of my mini Autumn buys, I ... (not include) any clothing items in this haul as I think from now on I'll only show accessories and the odd bits that I buy.

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* For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

The history of social networking

We all know that social media (1) _____ been just a few years around now and that these means have changed our lives significantly. But how (2) _____ it all start? and how (3) _____ people connected using the Internet before the invention of Facebook and Twitter?

As with everything, social networking has a history.

The internet (4) _____ given us the ability to connect with people from around the globe with a few clicks of a button. Social networking is the biggest industry of our time, but it (5) _____ always that way.

Social networking (6) _____ in 1978 with the Bulletin Board System (or BBS.) This (7) _____ the first system that allowed users to sign in and interact with each other. It was later on followed by Usenet whereas the first version of Instant Messaging came about in 1988.

In 1997 instant messaging became very populare and for the first time internet users (8) _____ able to create a profile and friend each other.

Facebook.com (9) _____ launched in 2004 with the intent to connect U.S. college students, starting with Harvard College. After gaining popularity, Facebook opened its registration to non-college students, and in 2008, Facebook surpassed MySpace as the leading social networking website.

Social networking (10) _____ come a long way since 1978, and we will all witness its evolution for years to come, forever changing the way people connect with one another.

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* For Questions 1-5, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.

1) The last time he went out for a pizza was last month.

SINCE

He hasn't _____ last month.

2) I haven't heard from her since Christmas.

LAST

Christmas _____ heard from her.

3) He last watched football on TV on Saturday afternoon.

SINCE

He hasn't _____ Saturday.

4) The last time he called me was a very long time ago.

HASN'T

He _____ a long time.

5) I last went back to my old town five years ago.

BEEN

I _____ to my old town for five years.

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