E The news from East Cumbria

Look at the website for East Cumbria Radio News. Match the beginnings and endings of local news stories.

A Actions in finished periods, and actions with a present focus

Sara and Aisha, on a business trip, are meeting for breakfast in their hotel. Circle the correct verb phrases.

SARA Hi Aisha. How are you? *I've started breakfast. / I started breakfast.*[0] I hope that's OK. *I've phoned Clare / I phoned Clare*[1] five minutes ago, but she's still in her bedroom. *She's lost / She lost*[2] her new watch.

AISHA Oh no. I hope she finds it. *Her husband has given / Her husband gave*[3] it to her for her birthday last month, didn't he?

SARA That's right. Anyway, *what have you done / what did you do*[4] yesterday evening?

AISHA *I have met / I met*[5] Karl and Franco, and we had a pizza together. What about you?

SARA I *have gone / I went*[6] to bed early. I was a bit tired. Are you hungry? *I've just asked / I just asked*[7] the waiter for some eggs. What about you?

AISHA No, thanks. I'll just have coffee and toast. *Have you spoken / Did you speak*[8] to Joe today?

SARA Yes. *I have seen / I saw*[9] him on the stairs half an hour ago. Why?

AISHA *He's bought / He bought*[10] another phone, and I don't have his new number.

SARA We'll see him later. Here are my eggs, anyway, and there's Clare, by the door.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Talking about the past, and describing our lives (1)

Read Keiko's letter, and put the verbs in the past simple or present perfect form. Use short forms if possible.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I 've seen [0] (see) your advertisement in 'Metro'. Please would you send me an application form for the Saturday job in the Oxfam shop on Parsons Lane?

I ..... [1] (work) in shops before. Last year, for example, I ..... [2] (spend) two months in my uncle's shoe shop in Kyoto, and when I ..... [3] (be) at school, I ..... [4] (sell) fruit and vegetables on a Saturday market. I ..... [5] (live) in London for six months now. I ..... [6] (start) a short course in Business at a local college, and I'll be in UK until September.

I ..... [7] (pass) all my English exams at university last year in Japan, and I ..... [8] (use) PCs all my life. I also like talking to people and helping them. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Keiko Tachibana

C Talking about the past, and describing our lives (2)

David works for an international bank in London. He's meeting his boss. Put the verb phrases in the past simple or present perfect forms. Use short forms if possible. Make questions when you see a question mark (?).

ALISON Hello, David. Have a seat. You've worked [0] (you/work) for us for three years now, and you're doing a good job, but my secretary says you want to go to the Boston office. ..... [1] (you/spend) much time abroad, David?

DAVID ..... [2] (I/live) in Australia for a few years when I was a child. ..... [3] (My parents/return) to England in 1990. But ..... [4] (I/not/work) abroad. I'd really like to.

ALISON And ..... [5] (you/visit) America on holiday?

DAVID Oh yes. ..... [6] (I/be) there twice. ..... [7] (I/go) to Florida on a school trip in 1995, and ..... [8] (I/travel) in New England in 2000 when I was at college. I loved it.

ALISON ..... [9] (you/go) to Boston on that New England trip, David?

DAVID Yes, ... [10] (we/stay) there for a couple of days. It's a great city.

ALISON And ..... [11] (you/talk) to your wife about going to Boston?

DAVID Yes. Fay is a writer, so she can do her work anywhere. She'd like to spend some time in Boston.

ALISON OK, David. I'll talk to the Boston manager tomorrow morning.

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F Lunch in a Yorkshire garden

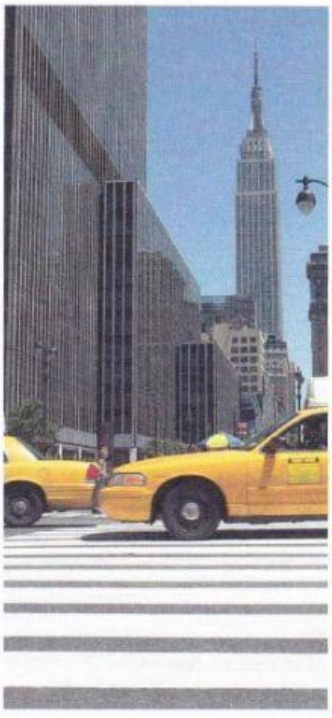
Ai-Li, from China, is staying with an English family (Susi and Chris, and their daughter, Keira). It's Sunday, and they're finishing lunch in the garden. Put the verbs in the past simple or the present perfect. Use short forms if possible.

CHRIS I've just made[0] (just/make) some tea, Ai-Li. Would you like a cup?
AI-LI No, thanks. I ..... [1] (have) four cups today. Can I have some water, please?
SUSI Of course you can. We drink too much tea in this house, Ai-Li. ..... [2] (you/have) a good day yesterday? I'm sorry I ..... [3] (not/be) here. I'm so busy at work at the moment.
AI-LI Great, thanks. Keira ..... [4] (show) me the shops in Harrogate in the morning.
KEIRA And in the afternoon, Dad ..... [5] (drive) us to the Scarecrow Festival in Kettlewell.
AI-LI It was amazing! I ..... [6] (never/see) so many scarecrows.
SUSI My father lived in Kettlewell, Ai-Li. He ..... [7] (work) on a farm there when he was a young man.
KEIRA We ..... [8] (not/see) him for a long time, Mum. Is he OK?
SUSI Yes, he's fine. He ..... [9] (just/buy) a new car, so I'm sure he'll visit us more often now. Do you see your grandparents sometimes, Ai-Li?
AI-LI Every week. They live close by. ..... [10] (you/ever/be) to China, Mrs Bell?
SUSI Call me Susi, Ai-Li. Yes, I ..... [11] (go) to Hong Kong on business in 2002. But I ..... [12] (not/be) to Beijing or Shanghai or the rest of China.

A In New York City

Two colleagues meet by chance on holiday in New York. Complete the conversation by crossing out the form that doesn't fit.

MEL Nell, fancy meeting you here. ~~Were you~~ / *Have you been*[0] here long?
NELL No, we *came* / *'ve come*[1] the day before yesterday.
MEL I don't think you *met* / *'ve met*[2] my partner, Barry.
NELL Yes, we *met* / *'ve met*[3] at the Christmas party.
MEL You're not here on your own, are you?
NELL No, my sister's with me, but she *stayed* / *'s stayed*[4] in the hotel because she *didn't sleep* / *hasn't slept*[5] very well since we *got* / *'ve got*[6] here.
MEL We *were* / *'ve been*[7] here for a week and so far we *really enjoyed* / *'ve really enjoyed*[8] it.
NELL I *read* / *'ve read*[9] a couple of books about New York before we *set off* / *'ve set off*[10].
MEL Yes, we *did* / *have*[11], too. We *ate* / *'ve eaten*[12] at a couple of places that the books *recommended* / *have recommended*[13]. In fact, we *went* / *'ve been*[14] to a very good restaurant last night.
NELL And *did you visit* / *have you visited*[15] the Empire State Building yet?
MEL Yes, but there *was* / *has been*[16] an enormous queue so we *decided* / *'ve decided*[17] to walk up the stairs. I *never climbed* / *'ve never climbed*[18] so many stairs in my life.



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