



- 1** Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar in meaning as possible to the sentence printed before it.

EXAMPLE: I've never had to work all through the night before.

This is *the first time I've had to work all through the night.*

- a** Most of us became salesmen when we left university.
Most of us have
- b** Our current manager started working here ten years ago.
Our current manager has
- c** I haven't heard from Sarah for a couple of months.
The last
- d** I used to find computers difficult before I started taking these lessons.
Since
- e** Michael Owen is the best player I've seen so far in this competition.
I've yet



2 Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: As soon as he saw **what had** happened, he switched off the electricity.

- a** When I started working for this company, I an architect for six years.
- b** She'd studying marine biology but she finally decided on geography.
- c** They on the road for a mere five minutes when they had a puncture.
- d** It's almost half past nine: I would think they got there by now.
- e** My intention is finished my studies by June.

3 Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: I **have been** writing this composition all evening.

- a** What doing with yourself over the last couple of days?
- b** I to fix the engine all morning, but finally had to admit defeat.
- c** Next summer, I living here for ten years.
- d** He claimed meaning to tell me about it but somehow forgot.
- e** I was asking her if she'd like to come to the races on Saturday.



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4 Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: Look out! We're *going* to hit the car in front!

- a** At this rate, we're be exhausted by the time we finish.
- b** The minute the train standstill, get on and try to find a seat.
- c** By December, he'll working there for eighteen months.
- d** They claim to be virtually on achieving everything they set out to do.
- e** We were just about the house when Sue called.