

ENGLISH FILE ELEMENTARY – UNIT 12

GRAMMAR

1 Use the words to write positive (+) and negative (–) sentences and questions (?) with the present perfect.

Example: I / read / this book / twice (+)

I've read this book twice.

- 1 Marco / fall / in love again (+) _____
- 2 we / buy / any CDs recently (–) _____
- 3 you / ever / eat / Moroccan food (?) _____
- 4 your parents / be / to Russia before (?) _____
- 5 Sally / hear / John sing before (–) _____
- 6 anyone / find / my mobile phone (?) _____
- 7 I / appear / on TV twice (+) _____

3 Complete the dialogue by putting the verbs in brackets into the present perfect or the past simple.

A Have you seen (you / see) this film before?

B No, I¹ _____. What about you?

A I² _____. (see) it last year at the cinema.

B I³ _____. (meet) the main actor a few years ago.

A Wow! I⁴ _____. (not / meet) anyone famous.

B It⁵ _____. (be) before he was famous. He⁶ _____. (go) to the same school as my brother, Mark. Mark's an actor, too.

A Really? ⁷ _____. (he / be) on TV?

B No, he usually works in the theatre.

VOCABULARY

4 Write the past participle of the verbs.

Example: speak spoken

- 1 think _____
- 2 fall _____
- 3 drink _____
- 4 know _____

- 5 pay _____
- 6 sing _____
- 7 meet _____

5 Complete the sentences using the past participle of the verbs in the box.

win break drive **spend** make wear write leave

Example: Tim's **spent** all his money.

- 1 I've _____ some sandwiches. Would you like one?
- 2 He's _____ a new book. I read it last week.
- 3 Have you ever _____ a competition?
- 4 The classroom is empty. Everyone has _____.
- 5 She hasn't _____ any of the clothes she bought in Paris.
- 6 Oh no! You've _____ Mum's favourite cup.
- 7 I've _____ in lots of different countries and I've never had an accident.

READING

1 Read the interview and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Interview with Paul Mason

Last week Paul Mason, author of the novels *Silence*, *Who did it?* and *Go Away*, agreed to be interviewed by one of our journalists.

Lifestyle & Experience

I live in New York with my second wife and our three children. I wasn't always a writer. When I left school I got a job in a library. In my free time I read murder novels, but one day I decided to write one. I was lucky because people liked it. I earned a lot of money so I left my job at the library and began to write all the time. I get up at 6 a.m., go to the gym for an hour, then go to my office. I buy breakfast on the way and eat it while I check my emails. After I've answered my emails I start writing. I can easily spend 9 or 10 hours writing.

Tastes

After work I have dinner with my family. Sometimes we go out to parties or to the theatre, but most evenings I prefer to relax at home and listen to jazz or read. My favourite author is Agatha Christie and at the moment I'm reading a book she wrote about her life. My cat usually sits next to me while I read, and the rest of the family like to watch TV.

Places

One of my favourite places is Maine on the east coast. We have a small house near the beach. It isn't very far from Vermont, where we go skiing in the winter. In the summer, we usually go to Venice where my wife's family live. It's probably the most beautiful city I've ever seen. I stayed in Venice when I wrote my third book and that's where I learned to speak Italian and to play the guitar. I hope to buy a house there one day. Then I'd like to retire and learn to paint.

Example: Paul Mason is a journalist.

A True B False C Doesn't say

- 1 Paul has been married once.

A True B False C Doesn't say

- 2 He wrote his first novel when he worked at the library.

A True B False C Doesn't say

- 3 He spends a lot of money.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 4 He checks his emails before he starts writing.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 5 He doesn't have a pet.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 6 He hasn't appeared on TV.
A True B False C Doesn't say
- 7 He has bought another house in Italy.
A True B False C Doesn't say

LISTENING

1 Listen to a radio interview. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 Mike hasn't been to the USA before.
A True B False
- 2 His most recent film is about vampires.
A True B False
- 3 He's written a book about his life as an actor.
A True B False
- 4 He's recently become a father.
A True B False
- 5 He's been to university.
A True B False

2 Listen to five conversations. Tick (✓) A or B.

- 1 John met _____ at the post office.
A a TV presenter B an actor
- 2 Sally has seen _____.
A *Johnny English* and *Mr Bean* B *The Hobbit* and *Mr Bean*
- 3 Rachel hasn't been to the _____ restaurant.
A Greek B Chinese
- 4 _____ has recently done some decorating.
A Ricky B Neil
- 5 Mary has been to Milan _____.
A once B more than once