

1 Complete the sentences with a word/phrase from the box and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

a lot in common	in touch	on
well	out	up

- 1 I _____ with my brother; he loves sport and music but I prefer reading and the cinema. (have)
- 2 Pat is feeling sad because he _____ with his friend Raul. (fall)
- 3 Since my girlfriend has been away, I _____ with her every day by email. (keep)

2. Complete the sentences with the present simple, present continuous or present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

- 4 Our friend Yun travels a lot for his new job and _____ (go) to eight different countries since he started.
- 6 Sorry, but you've missed Daniel – he _____ (just/go) for lunch with his brother.
- 7 Ellen _____ (call) last night to say that unfortunately she can't come to the cinema tomorrow.
- 8 Piotr and Yulia had an argument yesterday and they _____ (not/speak) to each other since.
- 9 I _____ (not/meet) my colleague Johanne because we only communicate through email so I don't know what he looks like.

3. Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

- 1 Last week this shirt cost £12, but today it was _____, so I only paid £6.
- 2 Why don't you get this tablet? There's a 20% _____ on it at the moment.
- 3 Would you like me to help you carry your _____? It looks heavy!
- 4 They didn't spend long in the shop as they only needed four _____.
- 5 Sadiq bought three books for the price of one – what a _____!

4. Choose the correct options.

- 1 I found some old newspapers _____ I was tidying up the attic recently. They all had stories about famous hoaxes in them.
- 2 I almost fell asleep _____ the meeting this afternoon. It was so boring.
- 3 The US belonged to the UK _____ 1776, when it gained independence.
- 4 I was looking for my phone. _____, my wife had found it and was looking for me.
- 5 We called the police _____ we discovered the house had been robbed.
- 6 We spent ages looking for the shop and _____ we found it, it was closed.

7 There were many important discoveries _____ the 1800s.

8 Luke and I met _____ we were working together in a café.

5. Complete the text with the time linkers in the box.

as soon as by the time during (x2)
meanwhile while

Although it's very popular nowadays, _____ the 1950s pasta was an unusual meal in the UK. Not many British people had been to Italy, and very few people knew how pasta was made. So, for April Fool's Day in 1957, the BBC news programme *Panorama* decided to make a story about spaghetti growing on trees.

_____ the programme, viewers were told that the harvest that year was particularly good because of the weather. And _____ the presenter explained how spaghetti was grown, there was a film of workers in the background cutting the spaghetti from the trees. _____ the programme had been broadcast, the BBC started receiving phone calls from people who wanted to grow their own spaghetti.

_____, the BBC continued the joke by instructing anyone who wanted to grow a spaghetti tree to 'place a piece of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce.'

_____ the story was revealed to be an April Fool's Day joke, hundreds of people had contacted the BBC.