



6.7

## ENGLISH IN USE

ago

I can use **ago** to talk about events in the past.

1 Put **ago** or **at** in the correct place in the sentences. Some sentences need both words.

- 1 I got up ten minutes.  
*I got up ten minutes ago.*
- 2 Three years I went to the USA with my parents.
- 3 We started our lesson 9.30 and we finished half an hour.
- 4 My friend arrived in England a week and she leaves tonight nine o'clock.
- 5 It started to rain an hour and we've got a football match 3.15!

2 Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 / new / months / school / two / started / ago / a  
*I started a new school two months ago.*
- 2 years / to / we / this / town / moved / five / ago
- 3 the / ago / two / started / minutes / film
- 4 I / the / ago / to / match / three / football / went / days
- 5 built / the / ago / Romans / Colosseum / centuries / the

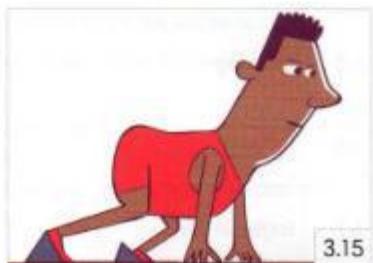
3 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use **ago**.



1 It's 6.30. The email arrived **two hours ago**.



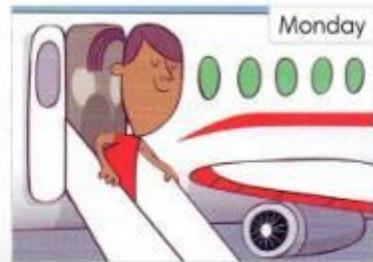
2 Our school's first tennis tournament took place **in 2012**.



3 It's 3.25. The race started **10 minutes ago**.



4 It's 2.15. Wendy won the cup **an hour ago**.



5 It's Thursday. Sally arrived in Spain **two days ago**.



6 It's May. Dad bought his car **three months ago**.

4 Complete the blog with one word in each gap.

There's a sports centre near our home with a big swimming <sup>1</sup>**pool** and some badminton <sup>2</sup> **court**. I started to <sup>3</sup> **play** badminton six months <sup>4</sup> **ago** and now I go every week. My brother isn't very <sup>5</sup> **interested** in sports but he likes watching sport on TV. He's a <sup>6</sup> **fan** of Southampton football club and sometimes goes to their <sup>7</sup> **home** **match**. They got into the <sup>8</sup> **final** of the Football League Cup two months <sup>9</sup> **ago** and he watched it live in London. They <sup>10</sup> **lost**, but he enjoyed the match! I'm not really <sup>11</sup> **interested** in football but I like it when Southampton <sup>12</sup> **win**.

