

# 16 How have you changed?

## 1 Choose the correct responses.



1. A: Hey, you really look different.

B: Well, I've grown a mustache.

- I moved into a new house.
- I'm more outgoing than before.
- Well, I've grown a mustache.

2. A: I haven't seen you for ages.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

- I know. How have you been?
- Well, I got a bank loan.
- My new job is more stressful.

3. A: You know, I have three kids now.

B: \_\_\_\_\_

- No, I haven't graduated from college yet.
- Wow, I can't believe it!
- Say, you've really changed your hair.

4. A: How are you?

B: \_\_\_\_\_

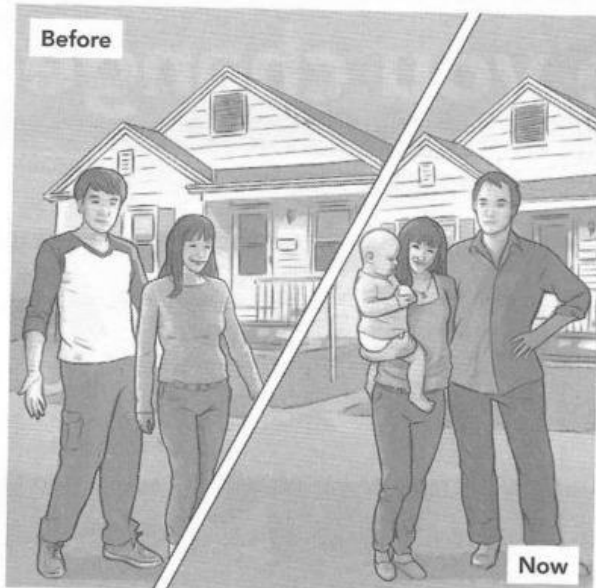
- I hope to get my driver's license soon.
- Well, actually, I turned 18.
- I'm doing really well.

## 2 Complete the sentences. Use information in the box and the present perfect.

☐ fall in love    ☐ get two pay raises    ☐ start an online course

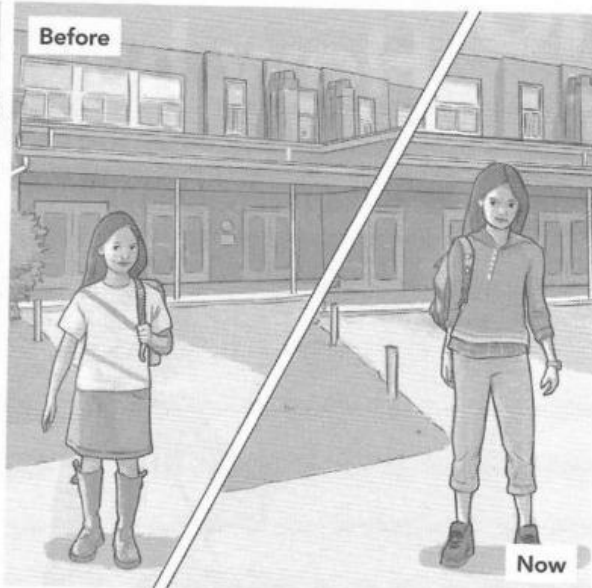
1. JoAnn \_\_\_\_\_ this year. Now she has enough money to buy a house.
2. Irvin \_\_\_\_\_. He's studying to become a graphic designer.
3. Gisela and Russ \_\_\_\_\_. They're going to get married in December.

**Before**



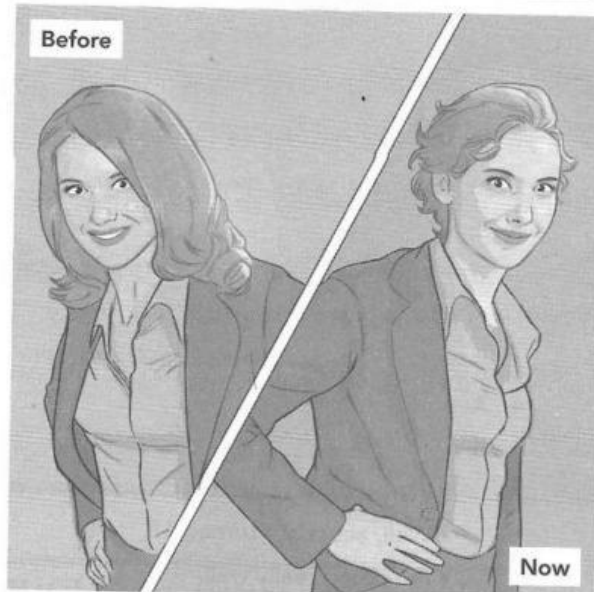
1. Mr. and Mrs. Kim had a baby

Before



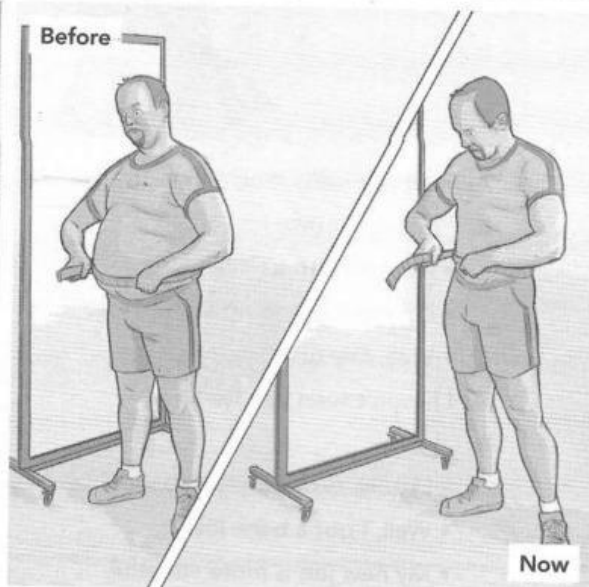
## 2. Sara

Before



### 3. Ella

Before



#### 4. Ron

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1. I've grown out my hair.

My hair is longer now. \_\_\_\_\_ (longer)

2. Raquel gained a lot of weight.

(heavier)

3. Ben goes to a new school now.

(change)

4. Helen and George got divorced last year.

(married)

5. Traci quit eating fast food.

(healthier)

6. We quit working out at the gym.

(not go)



## 5 Life changes

**A** Read the passages on the left in part B. Complete these sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ had an interesting job two years ago.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ had money problems two years ago.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was a student two years ago.

**B** Now read the passages on the right. Match the people's lives two years ago with their lives now.



Two years ago	Now
<p>1. <b>Rafael</b> Two years ago, I was a student, and I thought life was really good. I got up late. I spent the day talking to friends, and then I studied all night. I wore jeans and sweatshirts and had long hair and a beard. I felt free. _____</p>	<p>a. Now my life has completely changed. I got married six months ago! My husband and I often have friends over for dinner. We're taking classes several nights a week. It's great! We're even talking about starting a family soon.</p>
<p>2. <b>Diane</b> I moved to a new town two years ago. My job was interesting, but I was single and I didn't have any friends. People at work were friendly but not very outgoing. We never did anything after work. _____</p>	<p>b. Now I work as a computer programmer for an international company. I've moved to Seoul and have started to learn Korean. Korean food is great, and I've gained a few pounds. I feel much happier and healthier.</p>
<p>3. <b>Krystina</b> My life seemed to come to an end two years ago. I lost my job. Then I lost weight and looked terrible. Money became a problem. I was very sad. I needed some good luck. _____</p>	<p>c. Now I actually look forward to getting up early in the morning and going to work. Of course, I dress up now, and my hair is shorter. But I don't really mind. At least my evenings are free!</p>

**C** Underline at least two changes in each person's life.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> broke  | <input type="checkbox"/> graduation      | <input type="checkbox"/> responsibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> career | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> loan | <input type="checkbox"/> successful       |

1. Rhonda wants to pay off her student loan before she buys a car.
2. I'd like to be \_\_\_\_\_ in my first job. Then I can get a better job and a raise.
3. I go to school, and I have a family and a part-time job. I have a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. After \_\_\_\_\_, Amelia and Lee plan to look for jobs.
5. Max lost his job. Now he's \_\_\_\_\_, and he can't pay his rent.
6. What \_\_\_\_\_ are you most interested in pursuing?



## 7

## Complete this conversation. Use the words given.

**Mariko:** What do you plan to do (plan, do) this summer, Brian?

**Brian:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (want, get) a summer job.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (like, save) money for a vacation.

**Mariko:** Really? Where \_\_\_\_\_ (like, go)?

**Brian:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (love, travel) to Latin America.  
What about you, Mariko?

**Mariko:** Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not go, get) a job right away. First, I \_\_\_\_\_ (want, go) to Spain and Portugal.

**Brian:** Sounds great, but how \_\_\_\_\_ (go, pay) for it?

**Mariko:** I \_\_\_\_\_ (hope, borrow) some money from my brother. I have a good excuse. I \_\_\_\_\_ (plan, take) courses in Spanish and Portuguese.

**Brian:** Oh, I'm tired of studying!

**Mariko:** I love to study. I also \_\_\_\_\_ (hope, take) people on tours to Latin America. Why don't you come on my first tour?

**Brian:** Count me in!

## 8 Imagine you have these problems. Write three sentences about changing your situation. Use the words in the box.

1. I just moved to a new town, and I don't know anyone. I never do anything after work. People at work don't really talk to me. I haven't had a date in about four months. And I never find anything fun to do on the weekends.

I'm going to ... I want to ... I plan to ...

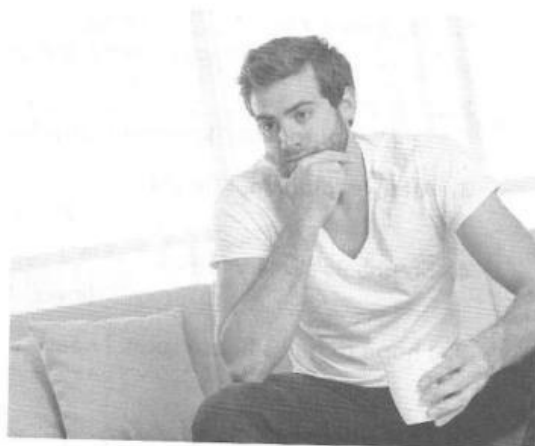
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2. I've become less careful about my health lately. I've stopped jogging because I'm bored with it. I've started eating more fast food because I'm too tired to cook after work. And I can't sleep at night.

I'm going to ... I'd like to ... I'd love to ...

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3. My job is so boring. I spend two hours driving to and from work every day, and I don't make enough money! I can't find a new job, though, because of my poor computer skills.

I hope to ... I want to ... I plan to ...

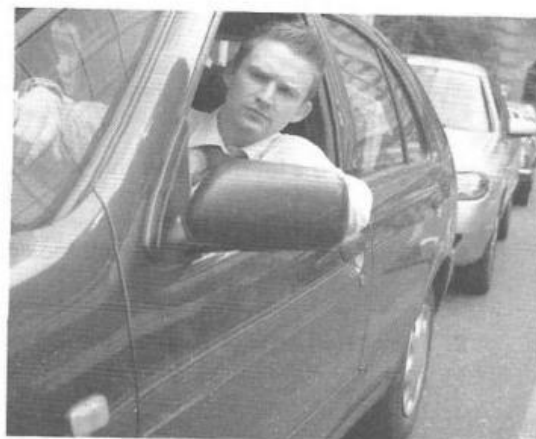
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Choose the correct words to complete each sentence. Use the correct form of the word and add any words if necessary.

- Floyd hopes to move to a small town.  
(move / live / change)
- This job is \_\_\_\_\_ my last job.  
(outgoing / stressful / crowded)
- After graduation, Kira plans \_\_\_\_\_ for an international company.  
(play / work / move)
- Stephanie's salary is much \_\_\_\_\_ before. She had to take a pay cut.  
(low / short / high)
- I hope to buy a house soon. I need \_\_\_\_\_ a bank loan.  
(open / start / get)
- Neil and Kelly *got* \_\_\_\_\_ *last summer. The wedding will be in April.*  
(engage / marry)



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Advise people how to make changes in their lives. Use expressions like the ones in the box.

Why don't you . . .    You should . . .    You shouldn't . . .

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| 1. I've gained a lot of weight this year.<br>_____             | 5. I'm often bored on weekends.<br>_____   |
| 2. My hair is longer, but it doesn't look good.<br>_____       | 6. I don't really have any goals.<br>_____                                       |
| 3. I've gotten tired of wearing the same old clothes.<br>_____ | 7. I've finished this textbook, but I still want to improve my English!<br>_____ |
| 4. I want to start a successful business.<br>_____             |  |