

Read the situations and write sentences. Use the following verbs:

arrive break fall go up grow improve lose

- 1 Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it. He has lost his key.
- 2 Margaret can't walk and her leg is in plaster. She _____
- 3 Last week the bus fare was 80 pence. Now it is 90. The bus fare _____
- 4 Maria's English wasn't very good. Now it is better. Her English _____
- 5 Dan didn't have a beard before. Now he has a beard. He _____
- 6 This morning I was expecting a letter. Now I have it. The letter _____
- 7 The temperature was 20 degrees. Now it is only 12. The _____

Complete B's sentences. Use the verb in brackets + just/already/yet.

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| 1 Would you like something to eat? | No, thanks. <u>I've just had lunch.</u> (I / just / have / lunch) |
| 2 Do you know where Julia is? | Yes, _____ (I / just / see / her) |
| 3 What time is David leaving? | _____ (he / already / leave) |
| 4 What's in the newspaper today? | I don't know. _____ (I / not / read / it yet) |
| 5 Is Sue coming to the cinema with us? | No, _____ (she / already / see / the film) |
| 6 Are your friends here yet? | Yes, _____ (they / just / arrive) |
| 7 What does Tim think about your plan? | _____ (we / not / tell / him yet) |

Read the situations and write sentences with just, already or yet.

- 1 After lunch you go to see a friend at her house. She says, 'Would you like something to eat?'
You say: No thank you. I've just had lunch. (have lunch)
- 2 Joe goes out. Five minutes later, the phone rings and the caller says, 'Can I speak to Joe?'
You say: I'm afraid _____ . (go out)
- 3 You are eating in a restaurant. The waiter thinks you have finished and starts to take your plate away. You say: Wait a minute! _____ . (not / finish)
- 4 You are going to a restaurant tonight. You phone to reserve a table. Later your friend says, 'Shall I phone to reserve a table.' You say: No, _____ . (do it)
- 5 You know that a friend of yours is looking for a place to live. Perhaps she has been successful. Ask her. You say: _____ ? (find)
- 6 You are still thinking about where to go for your holiday. A friend asks, 'Where are you going for your holiday?' You say: _____ . (not / decide)
- 7 Linda went to the bank, but a few minutes ago she returned. Somebody asks, 'Is Linda still at the bank?' You say: No, _____ . (come back)

Put in been or gone.

- 1 Jim is on holiday. He's gone to Italy.
- 2 Hello! I've just _____ to the shops. I've bought lots of things.
- 3 Alice isn't here at the moment. She's _____ to the shop to get a newspaper.
- 4 Tom has _____ out. He'll be back in about an hour.
- 5 'Are you going to the bank?' 'No, I've already _____ to the bank.'

You are asking people questions about things they have done. Make questions with ever using the words in brackets.

- 1 (ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
- 2 (be / California?) Have _____
- 3 (run / marathon?) _____
- 4 (speak / famous person?) _____
- 5 (most beautiful place / visit?) What's _____

Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use the following verbs:

be be eat happen have ~~meet~~ play read see see try

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| 1 | What's Mark's sister like? | | I've no idea. <u>I've never met</u> her. |
| 2 | How is Diane these days? | | I don't know. I _____ her recently. |
| 3 | Are you hungry? | | Yes. I _____ much today. |
| 4 | Can you play chess? | | Yes, but _____ for ages. |
| 5 | Are you enjoying your holiday? | | Yes, it's the best holiday _____ for a long time. |
| 6 | What's that book like? | | I don't know. _____ it. |
| 7 | Is Brussels an interesting place? | | I've no idea. _____ there. |
| 8 | Mike was late for work again today. | | Again? He _____ late every day this week. |
| 9 | Do you like caviar? | | I don't know. _____ it. |
| 10 | I hear your car broke down again yesterday. | | Yes, it's the second time _____ this week. |
| 11 | Who's that woman by the door? | | I don't know. _____ her before. |

Complete the sentences using today / this year / this term etc.

- 1 I saw Tom yesterday, but I haven't seen him today .
- 3 I read a newspaper yesterday, but I _____ today.
- 4 Last year the company made a profit, but this year _____ .
- 4 Tracy worked hard at school last term, but _____ .
- 5 It snowed a lot last winter, but _____ .
- 6 Our football team won a lot of games last season, but we _____ .

What have these people been doing or what has been happening?

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| <p>1</p> <p><i>earlier</i>  <i>now</i> </p> <p>They <u>'ve been shopping.</u></p> | <p>2</p> <p><i>earlier</i>  <i>now</i> </p> <p>She _____</p> |
| <p>3</p> <p><i>earlier</i>  <i>now</i> </p> <p>They _____</p> | <p>4</p> <p><i>earlier</i>  <i>now</i> </p> <p>He _____</p> |

Write a question for each situation.

- You meet Paul as he is leaving the swimming pool.
You ask: (you / swim?) Have you been swimming?
- You have just arrived to meet a friend who is waiting for you.
You ask: (you / wait / long?) _____
- You meet a friend in the street. His face and hands are very dirty.
You ask: (what / you / do?) _____
- A friend of yours is now working in a shop. You want to know how long.
You ask: (how long / you / work / there?) _____
- A friend tells you about his job – he sells computers. You want to know how long.
You ask: (how long / you / sell / computers?) _____

Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- It's raining. The rain started two hours ago.
It 's been raining for two hours.
- We are waiting for the bus. We started waiting 20 minutes ago.
We _____ for 20 minutes.
- I'm learning Spanish. I started classes in December.
I _____ since December.
- Mary is working in London. She started working there on 18 January.
_____ since 18 January.
- Our friends always spend their holidays in Italy. They started going there years ago.
_____ for years.

Put the verb into the present continuous (I am -ing) or present perfect continuous (I have been -ing).

- Maria has been learning (Maria / learn) English for two years.
- Hello, Tom. _____ (I / look) for you. Where have you been?
- Why _____ (you / look) at me like that? Stop it!
- Linda is a teacher. _____ (she / teach) for ten years.
- _____ (I / think) about what you said and I've decided to take your advice.
- 'Is Paul on holiday this week?' 'No, _____ (he / work).'
- Sarah is very tired. _____ (she / work) very hard recently.

For each situation, write two sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 Tom started reading a book two hours ago. He is still reading it and now he is on page 53.
(read / for two hours) He has been reading for two hours.
(read / 53 pages so far) He has read 53 pages so far.
- 2 Rachel is from Australia. She is travelling round Europe at the moment. She began her trip three months ago.
(travel / for three months) She _____
(visit / six countries so far) _____
- 3 Patrick is a tennis player. He began playing tennis when he was ten years old. This year he is national champion again – for the fourth time.
(win / the national championships / four times) _____
(play / tennis since he was ten) _____
- 4 When they left college, Lisa and Sue started making films together. They still make films.
(make / five films since they left college) They _____
(make / films since they left college) _____

For each situation, ask a question using the words in brackets.

- 1 You have a friend who is learning Arabic. You ask:
(how long / learn / Arabic?) How long have you been learning Arabic?
- 2 You have just arrived to meet a friend. She is waiting for you. You ask:
(wait / long?) Have _____
- 3 You see somebody fishing by the river. You ask:
(catch / any fish?) _____
- 4 Some friends of yours are having a party next week. You ask:
(how many people / invite?) _____
- 5 A friend of yours is a teacher. You ask:
(how long / teach?) _____
- 6 You meet somebody who is a writer. You ask:
(how many books / write?) _____
(how long / write / books?) _____
- 7 A friend of yours is saving money to go on holiday. You ask:
(how long / save?) _____
(how much money / save?) _____

Put the verb into the more suitable form, present perfect simple (I have done) or continuous (I have been doing).

- 1 Where have you been? Have you been playing (you / play) tennis?
- 2 Look! _____ (somebody / break) that window.
- 3 You look tired. _____ (you / work) hard?
- 4 '_____ (you / ever / work) in a factory?' 'No, never.'
- 5 'Liz is away on holiday.' 'Is she? Where _____ (she / go)?'
- 6 My brother is an actor. _____ (he / appear) in several films.
- 7 'Sorry I'm late.' 'That's all right. _____ (I / not / wait) long.'
- 8 'Is it still raining?' 'No, _____ (it / stop).'
- 9 _____ (I / lose) my address book. _____
(you / see) it?
- 10 _____ (I / read) the book you lent me, but _____
_____ (I / not / finish) it yet. It's very interesting.
- 11 _____ (I / read) the book you lent me, so you can have it back now.

Are the underlined verbs right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

- 1 Bob is a friend of mine. I know him very well. OK
- 2 Bob is a friend of mine. I know him for a long time. I've known him
- 3 Sue and Alan are married since July. _____
- 4 The weather is awful. It's raining again. _____
- 5 The weather is awful. It's raining all day. _____
- 6 I like your house. How long are you living there? _____
- 7 Gary is working in a shop for the last few months. _____
- 8 I don't know Tim well. We've only met a few times. _____
- 9 I gave up drinking coffee. I don't drink it for a year. _____
- 10 That's a very old bike. How long do you have it? _____

Read the situations and write questions from the words in brackets.

- 1 John tells you that his mother is in hospital. You ask him:
(how long / be / in hospital?) How long has your mother been in hospital?
- 2 You meet a woman who tells you that she teaches English. You ask her:
(how long / teach / English?) _____
- 3 You know that Jane is a good friend of Caroline's. You ask Jane:
(how long / know / Caroline?) _____
- 4 Your friend's brother went to Australia some time ago and he's still there. You ask your friend:
(how long / be / in Australia?) _____
- 5 Tim always wears the same jacket. It's a very old jacket. You ask him:
(how long / have / that jacket?) _____
- 6 You are talking to a friend about Joe. Joe now works at the airport. You ask your friend:
(how long / work / at the airport?) _____
- 7 A friend of yours is learning to drive. You ask him:
(how long / learn / to drive?) _____
- 8 You meet somebody on a plane. She says that she lives in Chicago. You ask her:
(always / live / in Chicago?) _____

Complete B's answers to A's questions.

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| 1 Bill is in hospital, isn't he? | Yes, he <u>has been</u> in hospital since Monday. |
| 2 Do you see Ann very often? | No, I <u>haven't seen</u> her for three months. |
| 3 Is Margaret married? | Yes, she _____ married for ten years. |
| 4 Are you waiting for me? | Yes, I _____ for the last half hour. |
| 5 You know Linda, don't you? | Yes, we _____ each other a long time. |
| 6 Do you still play tennis? | No, I _____ tennis for years. |
| 7 Is Jim watching TV? | Yes, he _____ TV all evening. |
| 8 Do you watch TV a lot? | No, I _____ TV for ages. |
| 9 Have you got a headache? | Yes, I _____ a headache all morning. |
| 10 George is never ill, is he? | No, he _____ ill since I've known him. |
| 11 Are you feeling ill? | Yes, I _____ ill all day. |
| 12 Sue lives in London, doesn't she? | Yes, she _____ in London for the last few years. |
| 13 Do you go to the cinema a lot? | No, I _____ to the cinema for ages. |
| 14 Would you like to go to New York one day? | Yes, I _____ to go to New York. (use always / want) |

Write for or since.

- 1 It's been raining since lunchtime.
- 2 Sarah has lived in Paris _____ 1995.
- 3 Paul has lived in London _____ ten years.
- 4 I'm tired of waiting. We've been sitting here _____ an hour.
- 5 Kevin has been looking for a job _____ he left school.
- 6 I haven't been to a party _____ ages.
- 7 I wonder where Joe is. I haven't seen him _____ last week.
- 8 Jane is away. She's been away _____ Friday.
- 9 The weather is dry. It hasn't rained _____ a few weeks.

Write questions with how long and when.

- 1 It's raining.
(how long?) How long has it been raining?
(when?) When did it start raining?
- 2 Kate is learning Japanese.
(how long / learn?) _____
(when / start?) _____
- 3 I know Simon.
(how long / you / know?) _____
(when / you / first / meet?) _____
- 4 Rebecca and David are married.
(how long?) _____
(when?) _____

Read the situations and complete the sentences.

- 1 It's raining. It's been raining since lunchtime. It started raining _____ at lunchtime.
- 2 Ann and Sue are friends. They first met years ago. They've known each other for _____ years.
- 3 Joe is ill. He became ill on Sunday. He has _____ Sunday.
- 4 Joe is ill. He became ill a few days ago. He has _____ a few days.
- 5 Liz is married. She's been married for a year. She got _____ .
- 6 You have a headache. It started when you woke up.
I've _____ I woke up.
- 7 Sue has been in Italy for the last three weeks.
She went _____ .
- 8 You're working in a hotel. You started six months ago.
I've _____ .