

1) Read the article and fill in the blanks using the verbs in brackets and the Present Perfect tense.

Since its start in 1998, Google _____ (become) one of the most popular search engines. It _____ (grow) from a research project in the dormitory room of two college students to a business that now employs approximately 20,000 people. Google's founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, met in 1995 when they were in their twenties and graduate students in computer science at Stanford University in California. They realized that Internet search was a very important field and began working together to make searching easier. Both Page and Brin left their studies at Stanford to work on their project. Interestingly, they _____ (not return) to finish their degrees. Brin was born in Russia, but he _____ (live) in the U.S. since he was five years old. His father was a mathematician in Russia. Page, whose parents were computer experts, _____ (be) interested in computers since he was six years old. When Google started in 1998, it did 10,000 searches a day. Today it does 235 million searches a day in 40 languages. It _____ (index) more than 1 trillion Web pages. How is Google different from other search engines? _____ you _____ (notice) how many ads and banners there are on other search engines? News, sports scores, stock prices, links for shopping, mortgage rates, and more fill other search engines. Brin and Page wanted a clean home page. They believed that people come to the Internet to search for specific information, not to be hit with a lot of unwanted data. The success of Google over its rivals _____ (prove) that this is true. Over the years, Google _____ (add) new features to its Web site: Google Images, where you can type in a word and get thousands of pictures; Google News, which takes you to today's news; Google Maps; and more. But one thing _____ (not change): the clean opening page that Google offers its users. In 2009, Forbes.com listed Page and Brin as having net worths of \$12 billion each, at 36 and 35 years old.

Did You Know?

The word "Google" started as a noun, the company's name. Today people use it as a verb: "I'm going to Google the Civil War to get more information about it."

2) Are these sentences true or false?

1. Google hasn't grown much over the years.
2. Sergey Brin has lived in the U.S. all his life.
3. Larry Page and Sergey Brin have known each other since they were children.
4. Larry Page has been interested in computers since he was a child.
5. Brin and Page have returned to college to finish their degrees.
6. Brin and Page have become rich.
7. The noun "Google" has become a verb

3) ADDING AN ADVERB

Subject	has/ have	Adverb	Past Participle	Complement	Explanation
Page and Brin	have	never	finished	their degrees.	You can put an adverb between the auxiliary verb (have/has) and the past participle.
They	have	already*	made	a lot of money.	
They	have	even	become	billionaires.	
Larry Page	has	always	been	interested in computers.	
You	have	probably	used	a search engine.	

Language Note: *Already frequently comes at the end of the verb phrase.
They have made a lot of money **already**.

Add the word in parentheses () to the sentence.

Example: You have gotten an email account. (probably) You have probably gotten an email account.

1. The teacher has given a test on Lesson 8. (already)
2. We have heard of Page and Brin. (never)
3. They have been interested in search technology. (always)
4. You have used Google. (probably)
5. Brin hasn't finished his degree. (yet)
6. Brin and Page have become billionaires by their mid-thirties. (already)