

1 Present Perfect Simple. Read the letter and complete the gaps.

Dear Michael,

Thanks for your postcard from Spain. I'm sorry I [1-not write]

..... before but I [2-be] very busy and very hot! Gerry's parents are here and we're doing a lot of sightseeing. They [3-read] a few guide books and they want to see everything. We [4-do] quite a lot so far. We [5-be] to Mombasa on the coast, we [6-climb] the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro and [7-fly] over the Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. At the moment I'm writing this letter on safari in the Serengety National Park. We [8-just see] some lions! By the way, [9-you ever sleep] under a mosquito net? It's great fun! Anyway, I must go, Gerry's dad thinks he [10-find] a scorpion in his sleeping bag!

Love,
Emma

2 Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple? Read the passage and complete the gaps with the correct tense of the verb in brackets.

'It [1-be] my birthday yesterday: I'm 14 years old. Some people say I'm lucky but I don't think so. Imagine, in my life I [2-be] to eight different schools and I [3-never stay] anywhere long enough to make a best friend. We [4-live] in so many different houses that I can't remember some of them. In fact, last year we [5-move] house three times. It's true, there are some good things: I [6-meet] some really famous people and we [7-have] some great holidays - I [8-be] to Disneyland at least four times, but never with mum and dad. When I [9-be] young, I always [10-have] a nanny, and she [11-take] me on holiday. I'm staying with my aunt and uncle at the moment because my dad's making a film in France and my mum [12-go] to Los Angeles.'

3 Six of the sentences below are wrong. Find the mistakes and correct them.

- 1 Have you seen the news last night?
- 2 Carrie's a really good friend - we knew each other for ages.
- 3 I've had this cold all week.
- 4 Hello, er... sorry, I forgot your name.
- 5 Jeff's never broken a promise before.
- 6 Oh, that's a nice watch. How long did you have it?
- 7 My secretary was late for work every day last month.
- 8 Look! It's stopped raining!
- 9 I see your team's in the final. Did they ever win the cup?
- 10 We didn't play tennis together since the summer.
- 11 Have you seen John this morning? We've got a meeting together at 11.30.
- 12 I can't find my keys - has anyone seen them?

4 Present Perfect Simple or Past Simple? Read this interview with Zoe, a singer in a pop group, and put the verb in brackets in the correct tense.

I = Interviewer Z = Zoe

- I: Well, it's nearly Christmas and your single's number 1 in the charts. You must be very pleased.
- Z: Oh yes, of course: it [1-be] an incredible year for us - we [2-have] two number 1 songs this year and we [3-do] a tour of the UK.
- I: OK, tell us how it all [4-start]
- Z: We only [5-form] the group in January, and since then we [6-spend] almost every day together. At first we only [7-play] other people's songs and we [8-not start] writing our own songs until we [9-find] our manager, Brian.
- I: Uh huh... so when [10-be] your first big concert?
- Z: Well, that was in May, and around the same time Brian [11-help] us to get a recording contract with Sony.
- I: Yes, and your album's doing very well in the charts. So what's next?
- Z: Well, we're working on some new songs and we [12-agree] to do a US tour next summer.
- I: Great! Well, we all wish you the best of luck and thank you for coming on the programme.

5 Put the verb into the correct tense, present perfect simple or past simple.

Lynne: Your present company is Sun Travel, isn't it? How long [1-you/ work] there?

Paul: For two months.

Lynne: I see. And what were you doing before that?

Paul: I [2-work] for a student travel company in Spain.

Lynne: Oh, really? How long [3-you/be] in Spain?

Paul: Just six months. I [4-move] back to London from Spain two months ago.

Lynne: I see. And do you drive, Paul?

Paul: Yes, I do. I [5-have] a driving license since January.

Lynne: And have you got your own car?

Paul: No, not at the moment. I [6-had] a car in Spain, but I [7-sell] it before I [8-come] back to Britain.

6 Mixed tenses. Put the verb in brackets in the correct tense.

Dear Cathy,

It's 9 a.m. and I [1-write] in my hotel here in Amsterdam. The hotel is quite small but it's situated near the harbour and there's a wonderful view from my window.

The flight from London [2-be] very short. It only [3-take] an hour. I [4-meet] an interesting Dutchman on the plane. He [5-tell] me a lot about the city. In fact, we [6-meet] this afternoon to go to an art gallery. Amsterdam is a fascinating city. There's so much to see. I [7-travel] along the canals, I [8-see] the old university and I [9-be] to an open-air market.

The weather's quite warm but a bit cloudy. Tomorrow I [10-catch] the plane to Hong Kong.

Life is great! See you soon.

Love,
Dave

ANSWER KEY

- (1) 1-haven't written 2-have been 3-have read 4-have done 5-have been 6-have climbed 7-have flown 8-have just seen 9-have you ever slept 10-has found
- (2) 1-was 2-have been 3-have never stayed 4-have lived 5- moved 6-have met 7-have had 8-have been 9-was 10-had 11-took 12-has gone
- (3) 1-Did you see the news last night? 2-Carrie's a really good friend - we have known each other for ages. 4-Hello, er... sorry, I've forgotten your name. 6-Oh, that's a nice watch. How long have you had it? 9-I see your team's in the final. Have they ever won the cup? 10-We haven't played tennis together since the summer.
- (4) 1-has been 2-have had 3-have done 4-started 5-formed 6-have spent 7-played 8-didn't start 9-found 10-was 11-helped 12-have agreed.
- (5) 1-Have you worked there? 2-worked 3-were you 4-moved 5-have had 6-had 7-sold 8-came
- (6) 1-am writing 2-was 3-took 4-met 5-told 6-are meeting 7-have travelled 8-have seen 9-have been 10-am catching