

# Grammar

## Present perfect

1 Complete these sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. Use the past simple or present perfect.

- 1 Petrol prices *increased* (increase) by 20% last year, and so far this year they've *gone* (go) up by another 30%.
- 2 I ..... (have) a really awful meal last night, and I ..... (feel) ill since I got up this morning.
- 3 Since websites like Facebook and Twitter ..... (become) popular a few years ago, they ..... (change) the way people communicate.
- 4 I ..... (have) this camera for three months, and I still ..... (not / learn) how to use it properly.
- 5 Where's Susan? I ..... (not / see) her all day. .... (she / phone)?
- 6 Amy ..... (not / come) to work yesterday, and she ..... (not / be) at home when I ..... (try) calling her last night.
- 7 I think people ..... (become) too dependent on modern technology, and ..... (forget) how to do many simple tasks.
- 8 ..... (you / see) Tom this morning? He ..... (borrow) my laptop a couple of days ago and I need it back.

2 Complete these sentences with *for* or *since*.

- 1 I've lived here *since* I was born.
- 2 I've worked for the same company ..... ages.
- 3 We haven't seen each other ..... my birthday.
- 4 It hasn't stopped raining ..... I got up today.
- 5 I've needed a new computer ..... months.
- 6 Judy has lived abroad ..... more than five years.
- 7 I've been on a diet ..... April.
- 8 He moved to London in 2003, and he's lived there ever .....

3 Complete the gaps in this passage with the past simple or present perfect forms of the verbs in brackets. If there is no verb, use *for* or *since*.

Brian is my best friend. I **1** *'ve known* (know) him **2** *for* years. We **3** ..... (meet) at school, and we **4** ..... (be) best friends ever **5** ..... We **6** ..... (do) so many great things together. In 2005 we **7** ..... (travel) around the world together, and a couple of years later we **8** ..... (run) the London Marathon together. We **9** ..... (always / be) interested in computers, and nine months ago we **10** ..... (set) up our own computer company. **11** ..... then, we **12** ..... (become) well-known among the big companies in our area, who **13** ..... (use) our services several times. **14** ..... the last two months, we **15** ..... (have) a contract with IGH Bank. We're now so busy that we **16** ..... (decide) to employ some extra staff.

Choose the correct answer.

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| 1 ..... never played this game before.<br>A I've                      B I              | 5 It's the first time ..... our flat, isn't it?<br>A you've visited        B you visited            |
| 2 Adam ..... his room last night.<br>A has tidied              B tidied                | 6 They ..... the baby a name yet.<br>A haven't given        B didn't give                           |
| 3 ..... here since 2005?<br>A Have you lived        B Did you live                     | 7 ..... to New York when you went to the States last summer?<br>A Have you been        B Did you go |
| 4 Carol and I ..... to the cinema three nights ago.<br>A have been              B went | 8 ..... an e-mail before?<br>A Have you ever sent    B Did you ever send                            |

Look at the picture and use the prompts to write sentences. Use the correct form of the present perfect simple.

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| 1 lesson / not / start / yet<br>.....<br>.....                     | 6 Dave / drop / pen / on the floor<br>.....<br>..... |
| 2 teacher / already / write / on the board<br>.....<br>.....       | 7 he / not / pick it up / yet<br>.....<br>.....      |
| 3 Joe and Tim / just / come / into the classroom<br>.....<br>..... |  |
| 4 Tony / not / finished / getting / books ready<br>.....<br>.....  |  |
| 5 Christine / already / open / book<br>.....<br>.....              |  |

