

11 Exercises

1 Form (B)

Add a sentence. Use the present perfect.

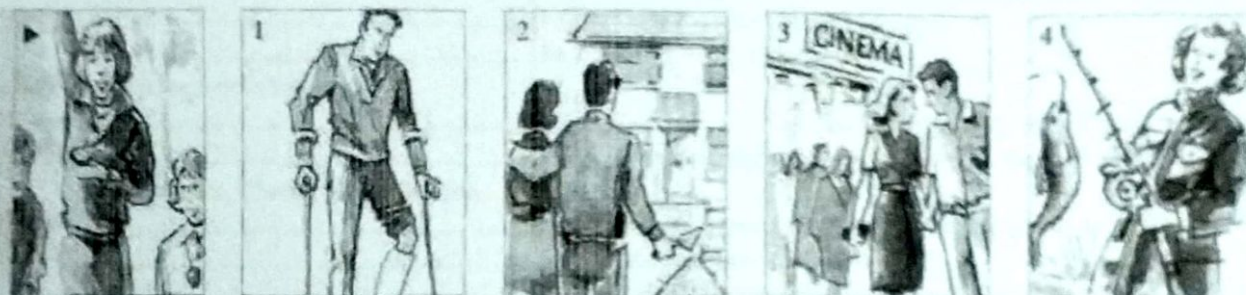
- ▶ I'm tired. (I / walk / miles) *I've walked miles.*
- 1 Emma's computer is working now. (she / repair / it)
- 2 It's cooler in here now. (I / open / the window)
- 3 The visitors are here at last. (they / arrive)
- 4 Mark's car isn't blocking us in now. (he / move / it)
- 5 We haven't got any new videos, (we / watch / all these)

2 Irregular forms (C)

Look at the pictures and say what the people have done.

Use these verbs: *break, build, catch, see, win*

Use these objects: *a film, a fish, a house, his leg, the gold medal*



▶ *She's won the gold medal.*

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3 Review (A-D)

Trevor and Laura are decorating their house. Put in the verbs. Use the present perfect.

Laura: How is the painting going? (▶) *Have you finished?* (you / finish)

Trevor: No, I haven't. Painting the ceiling is really difficult, you know.

(1) (I / not / do) very much. And it looks just the same as before. This new paint (2) (not / make) any difference.

Laura: (3) (you / not / put) enough on.

Trevor: (4) (I / hurt) my back. It feels bad.

Laura: Oh, you and your back. You mean (5) (you / have) enough of decorating. Well, I'll do it. Where (6) (you / put) the brush?

Trevor: I don't know. (7) (it / disappear).

(8) (I / look) for it, but I can't find it.

Laura: You're hopeless, aren't you? How much (9) (you / do) in here?

Nothing! (10) (I / paint) two doors.

Trevor: (11) (I / clean) all this old paint around the window.

It looks much better now, doesn't it?

Laura: (12) (we / make) some progress, I suppose.

Now, where (13) (that brush / go)?

Oh, (14) (you / leave) it on the ladder, look.

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1 Just (A)

Write replies using the present perfect and *just*.

Use these past participles: *checked, eaten, made, remembered, rung, tidied*

► We must find out the address. ~ It's all right, *I've just remembered it.*

- 1 The children's room looks neat. ~ Yes, they've
- 2 Is Daniel making some coffee? ~ It's ready.
- 3 What happened to that chocolate? ~ Sorry,
- 4 Has Rachel got all the answers right? ~ Yes,
- 5 Have you told your sister? ~ Yes, I've

2 Just, already and yet (A)

Complete the dialogue. Use the present perfect with *just, already* and *yet*.

Vicky: (►) *You haven't done your project yet* (you / not do / your project / yet), I suppose.

Rachel: No, I haven't. (1) (I / not / start / it / yet).

Vicky: (2) (I / just / see / Andrew), and he says

(3) (he / already / do) about half of it.

Rachel: Well, he works too hard.

Vicky: (4) (I / not / finish / my plan / yet).

Rachel: (5) (you / already / begin) to worry about it, haven't you?

Take it easy. There's plenty of time.

Vicky: (6) (we / already / spend) too long thinking about it.

(7) (I / not / do / any real work / yet)

and (8) (I / just / realize) that there are only four weeks to the end of term.

Rachel: OK. (9) (I / just / decide) to start next week. Well, maybe.

3 For and since (B)

Andrew is a very hard-working student. It's midnight and he is still working at his computer.

Write sentences with the present perfect and *for* or *since*.

► be / at his computer / six hours *He's been at his computer for six hours.*

- 1 not / have / any fun / a long time
- 2 have / a cold / a week
- 3 not / see / his friends / ages
- 4 not / do / any sport / last year
- 5 be / busy with his studies / months

4 For and since (B)

Complete the sentences.

? You ought to wash the car. You haven't *washed it for* ages.

? I'd better have a shower. I haven't *had one since* Thursday.

- 1 I think I'll ring my girlfriend. I haven't the weekend.
- 2 We're going to see some old friends. We haven't five years.
- 3 Let's watch a video, shall we? We haven't quite a while.
- 4 We could have a barbecue. We haven't last summer.
- 5 Shall we play tennis? We haven't our holiday.

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1 Gone to or been to? (A)

Complete the conversation. Put in *gone* or *been*.

Emma: Hi. Where's Rachel?

Vicky: She's (►) *gone* to the supermarket to get something for a meal.

Emma: But I've got some chicken for tonight. I've just (1)..... to a supermarket on my way home, that new place near the station.

Natasha: I haven't (2)..... to that one yet.

Vicky: Where's Jessica? Isn't she here?

Emma: No, she's (3)..... to London. She'll be back tomorrow.

2 Ever and never (B)

Write the questions and answers. Use the information in brackets.

► Matthew: (sailing?) *Have you ever been sailing?*

Natasha: (no, windsurfing) *No, I've never been sailing, but I've been windsurfing.*

1 Laura: (San Francisco?)

Mark: (no, Los Angeles)

But

2 Tom: (basketball?)

Trevor: (no, volleyball)

But

3 Daniel: ('Hamlet?')

Vicky: (no, 'Macbeth')

But

3 First time, second time, etc (C)

What would you say in these situations? Use *time* and the present perfect.

► You are watching a cricket match. You have never seen one before.

This is the first time I've seen a cricket match.

1 You have lost your bank card. It has happened once before.

This is

2 The washing-machine has broken down. This has happened twice before.

3 You are in England for the first time in your life.

4 You are staying in a hotel where you once stayed before.

5 You have missed the bus. You've done the same thing about four times before.

4 Today, this week, etc (D)

Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect.

► Mark buys a newspaper most mornings, but *he hasn't bought one this morning.*

1 I see Vicky most days, but

2 We go to the club most weekends, but.....

3 We usually have a party each term, but ..

4 Someone usually rings in the evening, but no one

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2.5 Using a dictionary if necessary, complete each definition with a noun and pair of verbs in the present simple or present continuous.

circles ✓ *rut* *wings*
dark *sync*

happen / not know *need / wait* ✓ *live / change / seem*
move / work *not make / talk*

- A When you are in a *rut*....., you *are living*..... in a situation that never
(1)..... and (2)..... boring.
- B When a discussion is going in (3)....., people (4)..... about
something for a long time, but they (5)..... any progress.
- C If you're in the (6)..... about something, you (7)..... what
(8).....
- D When two people or things are in (9)....., they (10)..... together
smoothly or they (11)..... in the same way at the same speed.
- E When someone or something is in the (12)....., they (13)..... nearby
and ready in case someone (14)..... them.

2.6 Complete each sentence with one pair of verbs, using the present simple, present continuous, present perfect or present perfect continuous.

apologize / have *be / rain* *hang / have* *play / wear*

- 1 We..... a dryer, so we..... our clothes on a line outside to dry.
- 2 I always..... these old trainers when I..... tennis on Fridays.
- 3 I..... for the delay. We..... a bit of trouble with our computers
at the moment.
- 4 We..... out because it..... all day.

2.7 Complete this interview involving a student (Her) and a professor (Him), using appropriate forms of these verbs.

get *go* *have* *like* *live* *not think* *not visit* *prefer* *teach* *think*

Her: How long (1)..... you..... in England?

Him: Oh, I (2)..... about that recently. Erm, I (3)..... that I
(4)..... at the university for about twenty years.

Her: Wow! That's a long time. (5)..... you ever..... back to Italy?

Him: Oh, of course. But I (6)..... my home town since about 2004.

Her: So, (7)..... you..... living in England?

Him: Well, after such a long time I (8)..... used to life here, I (9).....
a lot of friends here and I (10)..... my job a lot.

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31 Choose a verb with either the present perfect or past simple for these sentences. (A & E)

agree appear continue disappear move reach show solve write

- 1 Research has shown that cycling can help patients overcome their illnesses.
- 2 The rabbit just.....in my garden one day last week.
- 3 With this promotion, I feel that I.....a turning point in my career.
- 4 Oh, no! My car.....!
- 5 Quite early in the negotiations, they.....to lower the prices.
- 6 In 1788 he.....his last great work in Vienna.
- 7 There's not much more to do, now that we.....the main problem.
- 8 Throughout the summer of 1980 Malcolm.....to divide his time between London and New York.
- 9 When he was 13, his parents.....to the United States.

3.2 Suggest a verb that can complete both sentences in each pair. Use either the present perfect or the past simple. Use *h* to add any words outside the space. (B, E & F)

- 1 a The price of houses.....dramatically in recent years.
b Unemployment.....every year until 1985 and then started to fall.
- 2 a At his wedding he.....a green suit and red tie.
b These are the glasses I.....ever since I was 30.
- 3 a The company.....many setbacks in its 50-year history, but it is now flourishing.
b Few of the trees in our village.....the storms during the winter of 1991.
- 4 a This.....his home for over 20 years and he doesn't want to leave it.
b When I picked up the coffee I.....surprised to find it that it was cold.
- 5 a So far it's been so cold that we.....in the house all day.
b We.....with Mike and Sue last weekend.
- 6 a I last.....you in Beijing three years ago.
b I never.....anyone play so well in my whole life.



3.3 Find the following: (i) three sentences that are incorrect; (ii) three sentences with the present perfect which could also have the past simple (consider the difference in meaning); (Hi) three sentences where only the present perfect is correct. (A-G)

- 1 Jane has agreed to lend us her car. (ii)
- 2 Do you know how many people have walked on the moon?
- 3 Phone for an ambulance. I think Keith's broken his arm.
- 4 In his twenties, Lawrence has spent many years travelling around Spain.
- 5 The Vikings have established a settlement at what is now York, in the north of England.
- 6 The house looks so much bigger now that we've painted the walls in brighter colours.
- 7 My brother has gone into town to buy some new shoes.
- 8 The Earth has been formed about 4,500 million years ago.
- 9 I've worked in Malaysia for three years.

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- 4.1** Complete these sentences with the verb given. Choose the present perfect or past simple. (A)
- 1 According to yesterday's newspapers, astronomers in Australia.....a planet in a galaxy close to our own. (discover)
 - 2 To help today's customers make a choice, a company in New York.....a video trolley - a supermarket trolley with a video screen to display advertisements and price information. (develop)
 - 3 At the start of his career, Cousteau.....the aqualung, opening the oceans to explorers, scientists, and leisure divers. (invent)
 - 4 He proudly told reporters that the company.....software to prevent the recent increase in computer crime. (produce)
 - 5 John Grigg.....the comet now called Grigg-Skjellerup, at the beginning of the 20th century. (discover)
- 4.2** Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs. Use the same verb for each sentence in the pair. Use either the present perfect or the past simple. (B & C)
- 1 a A lot of people.....about the painting, and I always say it's not for sale.
b The police.....me several questions about my car before they let me go.
 - 2 a Until she retired last month, she.....in the customer complaints department.
b Sullivan.....hard to change the rules and says that the campaign will go on.
 - 3 a I.....skiing ever since I lived in Switzerland.
b She once.....the support of the majority of the Democratic Party.
 - 4 a His father.....so many complaints about the noise that he told Chris to sell his drums.
b We.....over 50 letters of support in the last 10 days.
 - 5 a *The Bible*.....more copies than any other book.
b When it became clear that we would be moving to Austria, we.....the house to my brother.
 - 6 a I.....moving to London from the day I arrived. I'd love to go back to Rome.
b At first I.....inviting them to stay, but we soon became great friends.
- 4.3** Here are some parts of a newspaper article. Study the underlined verbs. Correct them if necessary, or put a S. (A-C)

CYCLE ROUTE SUCCESS IN BIRMINGHAM

New cycle routes (1) have been built in and around the centre of Birmingham and speed limits (2) have been reduced on selected roads...The scheme (3) was now in operation for a year and (4) has been hailed as a great success. Since the new speed limits (5) were introduced, the number of accidents in the area (6) fell dramatically...It (7) has taken only six months to draw up the plans and mark the routes. This (8) has been done in consultation with groups representing city cyclists..Jane Wills, a keen cyclist who works in the city centre, told us: 'When the new routes (9) have been introduced, I (10) have sold my car and I (11) bought a bike. I (12) cycled to work ever since. It's the best thing the council (13) did for cyclists and pedestrians in the time I've been living in Birmingham.'...The success of the scheme (14) has led to proposals for similar schemes in other cities.

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5.1 Put a ✓ or correct the sentences. (A)

- 1 Terry drove to Glasgow last week to visit his father.
- 2 I have known a woman once who had sixteen cats.
- 3 Ann Baker already did four radio interviews about her new book.
- 4 Julia felt hungry. Then she has remembered the salad in the fridge.
- 5 I'll introduce you to Dr Davies - or have you met her before?
- 6 We've had enormous problems recently with ants in the kitchen. We just can't get rid of them.
- 7 I have talked to her yesterday about doing the work.
- 8 They still live in the small house they have bought 30 years ago.
- 9 You have not yet explained clearly what you want me to do.
- 10 We lived in Newcastle for three years now and like it a lot.

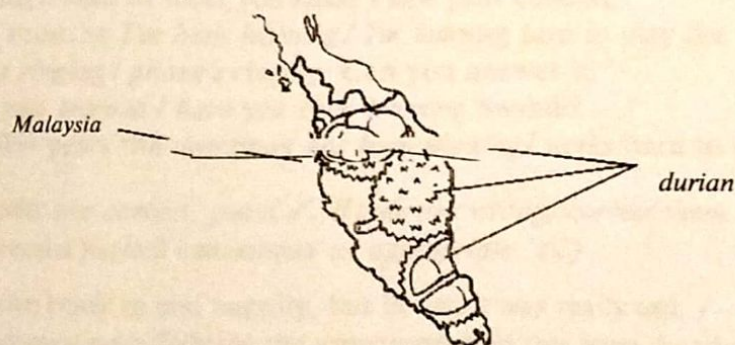
5.2 Complete these sentences with an appropriate verb. Use either the present perfect or past simple. (B&C)

- 1 Maria hasn't wanted to drive since she.....her car.
- 2 I.....really hard this morning. Another two shelves to put up and then I think I'll have lunch.
- 3 Since the eruption....., all the villages on the slopes of the volcano have been evacuated.
- 4 So far this week there.....three burglaries in our street.
- 5 I.....a committee meeting since 1986, so I don't want to miss the one today.
- 6 It was so hot today that I.....shorts and a T-shirt at work.
- 7 A great deal.....since I last spoke to you.
- 8 We.....£200 on food this month already.
- 9 Since he.....the girl from the frozen pond, he has been on TV and in the newspapers almost every day.

5.3 Choose one of these verbs and write **Have you ever...** or **Did you ever...** at the beginning of these questions. (D)

be eat have hear learn meet talk think

- 1 Have you ever been in a cave?
- 2.....durian (= a fruit) when you lived in Malaysia?



- 3.....somebody really famous?
- 4.....what it must be like to be a cat?
- 5.....to play a musical instrument as a child?
- 6.....to Michael when you worked in the same company?
- 7.....a song called 'Close to the Edge'?
- 8.....a pet when you were young?

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