# PRESENT PERFECT

# A. You are writing a letter to a friend and giving news about people you both know. Use the words given to make sentences and put the verb into the correct form.

Example: Phil/find a new job. Phil has found a new job.

Dear Chris,

Lots of things have happened since I last wrote to you.

- 1. Fred/go/Brazil .....
- 2. Jack and Jill/decide/to get married .....
- 3. Suzanne/have/a baby .....
- 4. Liz/give up/smoking .....
- 5. George/pass/his driving test .....

## B. Read the stuation and then write an appropriate sentence. Use the verb given.

Example: Tom is looking for his key. He can't find it. (lose). He has lost his key.

- 1. Sue's hair was dirty. Now it is clean. (wash) .....
- 2. Tom weighed 190 pounds. Now he weighs 170. (lose weight).....
- 3. The car has just stopped because there isn't any more gas in the tank. (run out of gas).....
- 4. This morning Bill was playing football. Now he can't walk and his leg is in a cast. (break)

## C. Use just. Answer the questions using the words given.

Example: Would you like something to eat? (no thank you/I/just/have/dinner)

## No, thank you. I've just had dinner.

- 1. Have you seen John anywhere? (yes/l/just/see/him).....
- 2. Has Ann called yet? (yes/she/just/call).....
- 3. Would you like a cigarette? (no thanks/l/just/put/one out).....

## D. Write sentences with *already*.

Example: Don't forget to mail the letter. **I've already mailed it.** 

- 1. Don't forget to call Eric .....
- 2. Why don't you read the paper? .....
- 3. Shall I pay the waiter? .....

## E. Fill in been or gone.

- 1. Hello! I've just .....to the store. Look at all the things I've bought.
- 2. Jim isn't here at the moment. He's .....to the store.
- 3. "Are you going to the bank?" "No,I've already......to the bank.

# PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST SIMPLE

## A. Choose the correct tense.

- 1. I (haven't seen/didn't see) much of Al lately.
- 2. "Who is she?" "I('ve never seen/never saw) her before"
- 3. I ('ve done/did) a lot of stupid things in my life.
- 4. She (has left/left) school last year.
- 5. When (have you got/did you get) married?
- 6. I'm sorry. I(haven't finished/didn't finish)yet.
- 7. I ('ve often wondered/often wondered)what he does for a living.
- 8. He (has caught/caught) the plane at eight this morning.
- 9. I ('ve read/read) a lot of her books when I was at school.
- 10. (Have you seen/Did you see) any good films recently?

## B. Complete the sentences with the present perfect or the simple past.

- 1. I (play) .....a lot of tennis this year.
- 2. She (have) .....six different jobs since she left school.
- 3. He (run) .....away from school three times when he was 14.
- 4. How many cups of coffee (you drink).....today?
- 5. In those days, Andrew (come) .....to stay with us most weekends.
- 6. Shakespeare (write) .....poems as well as plays.
- 7. Since my brother lost his job he (write) .....two books.
- 8. I'm not cooking today I (cook).....all the meals yesterday. In fact, I (cook)

.....most of the meals this week.

- 9. Would you believe I (make) ......23 phone calls today?
- 10. Our team are rubbish. They (just lose) .....eight games one after the other.

## C. Write sentences about these situations with SINCE and FOR.

Example: Jake runs a small business. He started doing this five years ago.

## Jake has run a small business for five years.

1. Andy lives in Dublin. He moved there last year.

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- 2. Helen plays the piano. She started two years ago.
- 3. Rob has a Mercedes. He bought it five years ago.
- 4. Jan is living with Pete. This started in 1994.
- 5. Sammy is learning Turkish. He started four years ago.

## D. Choose the right tenses.

- 1. It (is/was/has been) snowing since I (have got up/got up)
- 2. Things (have been/were) difficult since Carol (has lost/lost) her job.
- 3. Since Jake (has taken up/took up) the trumpet, nobody (has/has had) any peace.
- 4. He (has been/was) quite different since he (has got/got) married.
- 5. Since she (has gone/went) to live in France we (haven't heard/didn't hear) anything from her.