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Present perfect

A Look at the sentences and put the verbs in brackets into the present perfect form.

- 1 My best friend and I _____ (know) each other for over ten years.
- 2 I _____ (not buy) anyone a present recently.
- 3 My father _____ (have) the same job for ages.
- 4 I _____ (live) in the same house since I was born.
- 5 My English teacher _____ (not work) at this school for very long.
- 6 I _____ (not spend) much money recently.
- 7 My partner _____ (be) at school today for longer than me.
- 8 I _____ (send) a few text messages today.
- 9 I _____ (not make) any new friends in the last few weeks.
- 10 Nobody in my family _____ (receive) good news recently.
- 11 I _____ (feel) happy since I woke up this morning.
- 12 I _____ (not see) a good film at the cinema for a long time.



B Now ask your partner questions to find out if the sentences above are true for him / her.

How long have you known your best friend?

I've known him for just over eight years.

C Read the sentences and choose *been* or *gone*.

- 1 'Hi, can I speak to Terry, please?' 'I'm sorry, he isn't here at the moment. He's **been / gone** out for lunch.'
- 2 'I've **been / gone** to Germany three times, but I've never **been / gone** to France.'
- 3 'Have you **been / gone** to the butcher's this afternoon?' 'No, Kelly's just **been / gone**. She should be back soon.'
- 4 'I haven't seen the neighbours for ages.' 'No, they're away. They've **been / gone** to Mexico for a month.'
- 5 'Wow! You look tanned. Where have you **been / gone**?' 'Australia! The weather was great.'
- 6 'Have you **been / gone** to the skate park recently?' 'Yes! I've **been / gone** there every day this week.'
- 7 'Why isn't Jade answering the phone?' 'Maybe she's **been / gone** to work already.'
- 8 'Hurry up, Sam!' 'It's too late. The train has already **been / gone**.'

D Decide whether the following time phrases are used with *for* or *since* and put them in the right column. Can you add any other time expressions to the lists?

I was born	July	ages 7	o'clock	two weeks	a long time	last weekend	a year	six months	the day before yesterday	2010	I was a child
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E Choose four time phrases from D and write true sentences about yourself, using the present perfect.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____