

PAST SIMPLE AND PAST CONTINUOUS

A Here is the latest news about your friends and family. Complete the sentences using the present perfect simple.

Example:

I/buy/a new car → I have bought a new car

- Mary/move house
- Fred and Frank/start/a company
- My parents/go to Greece
- Sue/get married
- Granny/celebrate her 80th birthday

B Read the situations and write sentences in the present perfect simple. Choose one of the following: learn, buy, find, break, clean, grow.

- James can't go to school because his arm is in plaster. **He has broken his arm.**
- Fred was nervous about travelling to France. He isn't any more because he knows he can communicate. He has
- Jane didn't have a dress to wear to the wedding. Now she does
- Our flat was very dusty. It isn't any more.
- Mr Flint was unhappy because he had lost his cat. Now he is happy.
- Harry didn't have a beard last month. Now he has a beard.

C You are interviewing a famous person. Ask questions about things he/she has done in his/her life. Make the questions from the words given.

- ever/win/an award → Have you ever won an award?
- ever/travel/to Hollywood
- ever/meet/Bill Clinton
- ever/write/a novel
- ever/run/a marathon
- ever/give/money to charity



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ANSWER KEY TO THE LAST EIS PAGE ACTIVITIES (DATED JANUARY 25, 2016)

KEY: The New Grammar Mix
Unit 1: Present Tenses

- 'm trying 2. 'm not using 3. 's teaching 4. 'm looking
- Are you waiting 6. 're always forgetting 7. 's rising 8. are you doing 'm cleaning 9. aren't you wearing 10. 're always arguing
1. do not belong 2. is coming, do not want 3. doesn't eat 4. am looking 5. take 6. deals 7. are making 8. Do you know, is doing 9. am applying, depends 10. is falling 11. is writing 12. is working 13. teaches, is learning 14. are, leaves, arrives 15. is rising
1. remembers 2. works 3. 'm working 4. 's snowing 5. are they talking 6. Do you know 7. never go 8. usually stay 'm staying 9. 's, doesn't eat 10. 's, isn't working 11. Do you believe 12. live, 's, do your parents live 13. own 14. 'm learning 15. 's trying 16. flows 17. Do you like 18. 'm getting - 19. smell 20. 's repairing knows



D Complete the sentences using the present perfect simple and today/this week/this year etc.

- I watched TV yesterday but I haven't watched TV today.
- It rained last week but
- Last week I spent a lot of money but
- I saw James yesterday but
- I received a lot of post last month but
- It was warm last spring but

E Put in the correct verb form: present perfect or past simple.

- How long _____ (she/study) German?
- When _____ (he/begin) to study Business Administration?
- Who _____ (write) the play Dancing at Lughnasa.
- _____ (you/visit) any museums when you were in Sofia.
- Henry has a perfect school record. He _____ (not/be) sick this year.
- Prices _____ (go) up. Things are much more expensive this week.
- What _____ (happen) to you. I waited all afternoon for you.
- Marilyn _____ (have) an accident. She was running for the bus when she _____ (fall) down.
- Mr Arnold _____ (win) the Exporter of the Year prize twice. His brother _____ (win) it four times already.
- Alfred Hitchcock _____ (make) lots of films in his long career.
- I _____ (just/remember) something.
- _____ (you/reply) to Mr Aston's letter yet?
- Mr Miller _____ (work) in a travel agency for years. Then he gave it up.
- Melanie lives in Bucharest. She _____ (live) there all her life.
- My uncle died in 1960. I _____ (never/have) the opportunity to meet him.

Unit 2: Past Simple and Continuous

- brought 2. bought 3. met 4. ate 5. wrote
1. How did you get there? 2. Who did you go with? 3. Where did you stay? 4. Was the weather good? 5. What did you think of the food? 6. What did you do during the day? 7. Did you go out in the evenings 8. Did you buy any souvenirs? 9. Did you make any new friends? 10. How long did the journey home take?
1. didn't come 2. didn't read 3. wasn't 4. didn't finish 5. ran out 6. didn't eat 7. were 8. didn't catch 9. arrived
1. was dreaming 2. went off 3. were waiting 4. arrived 5. rang 6. was having 7. didn't go 8. was raining 9. saw 10. was wearing 11. broke 12. was washing 13. slipped 14. was carrying 15. felt 16. was going 17. went out 18. were watching 19. came 20. were you doing 21. was preparing 22. fell 23. was watching 24. was seeing

F Complete the sentences using the present perfect continuous and add since or for.

- Maria _____ (learn) English _____ two years.
- I _____ (write) letters _____ 8:00.
- Robert and Jane _____ (travel) around Europe _____ five weeks.
- We _____ (go) to Ireland for our holidays _____ 1968.
- It _____ (rain) _____ this morning.
- Anne _____ (look) for a new job _____ a long time.
- Mark _____ (sell) computers _____ he started his job with Olivetti.
- We _____ (wait) for the bus _____ twenty-five minutes.
- She _____ (play) piano _____ she was eight.
- They _____ (watch) TV _____ hours.

G Complete the sentences using present perfect simple or continuous.

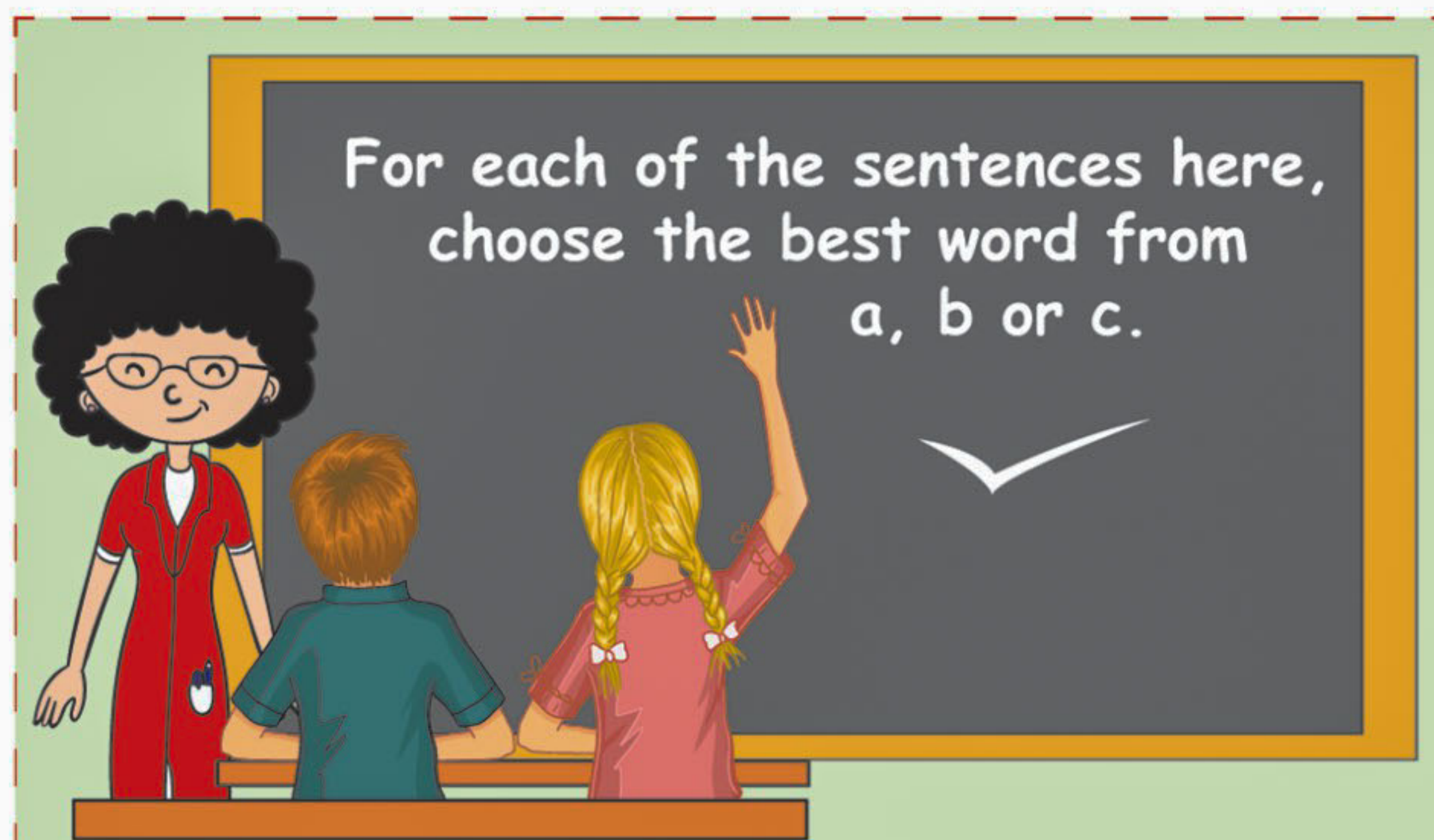
- (build) The Browns _____ a house for some time. They _____ all the main walls now.
- (write) John _____ his novel since last year. He _____ the first three chapters.
- (paint) The painters _____ the town hall since February. They _____ nearly half of it now.
- (save) The Cooks _____ to go on holiday next summer. They _____ € 2000 up to now.
- (watch) I _____ cartoons on TV. I _____ 4 cartoons already.

H Put the verb in the most suitable form, present perfect simple or continuous.

- You look tired. _____ (you/study) hard?
- Mr Brown is new here, isn't he? How long _____ (he/work) for the company?
- I _____ (lose) my wallet. Have you seen it anywhere?
- I _____ (read) the magazine you lent me, but I _____ (not/finish) yet.
- _____ (you/hear) the bad news? Simon _____ (break) his leg!
- How many articles _____ (you/write)?
- What _____ (you/do)? I _____ (wait) for you for an hour!
- Bob and his friends _____ (play) golf since this morning.
- I _____ (know) Louise for ten years.
- Mr Brown _____ (mark) the exams all morning, but he _____ (not/read) them all.

E Write a sentence using the present perfect continuous. Use the words in brackets.

- John is sun burnt. He has been sitting in the sun. (sit/in the sun)
- The ground is wet. (rain)
- Jack has no money left. (shop)
- Fred is covered in paint. (paint/the kitchen)
- Maisy is tired and irritable (drive/for 4 hours)
- Harry is very hot and dirty (dig/the garden)



- The former West Germany tried to _____ its business approach onto the former East Germany.
a. imprint b. enforce c. superimpose
- In a nuclear power station, _____ of uranium are split into smaller particles, releasing huge amounts of energy.
a. atoms b. chunks c. elements
- Young army officers led the violent _____ which brought down the democratically elected government.
a. revolt b. policy c. way
- The recent rise in leukaemia and similar diseases has been _____ radiation leaking from the nearby nuclear power station.
a. credited to b. led to c. attributed to
- One of the reasons for the relatively high price of many drugs is the huge cost of _____ and development.
a. experiments b. research c. trials
- The Channel Tunnel between France and the United Kingdom was a huge engineering _____.
a. project b. development c. attempt
- We have two e-mail systems here: one for _____ use, and another for contacting people outside the university.
a. inside b. internal c. indoors
- The police interviewed three men but later _____ them from their investigation as they were all innocent.
a. eliminated b. eradicated c. exterminated
- A computer cannot blindly guess the answer to a question, since all its operations are based on _____.
a. logic b. thought c. understanding
- The _____ of the American space programme in the 1960's was to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade.
a. ambition b. point c. goal
- If public transport is to succeed in serving the public, it is important to _____ services such as trains and buses so that they work together and offer a more convenient service.
a. integrate b. unite c. combine
- Approximately 30 of the world's most industrialised countries _____ the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.
a. constitute b. comprise c. are composed of