



Learn English Through Stories

T Series

Test 9

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The perfect tenses 1

1. Complete each sentence, using either the simple past or the present perfect tense of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: He **has been** (be) to many conferences since June.

1. Up to now, Mrs. Rosenthal..... (give) us few tasks.

I thought she would be more demanding than this.

2. So far this month, I(smoke) only two cigarettes.

3. We(know) each other for almost ten years now.

4. In my whole lifetime, I(never _ see) such a violent storm.

5. Last November, I(feel) heartbroken for the first time in my life.

6. Try not to talk too loudly again before the end of the movie.

You(already _ annoy) the people sitting behind us.

You(get) us in trouble the last time we came to this theatre.

7. Henry..... (be) here since the Easter holidays.

8. Olivia(land) in Hawaii four hours ago.

9. Alicia(break) the door last weekend, but it was an accident.

2. Practice forming past participles by beginning each sentence with I have never + the past participle of the verb in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: I have never left (leave) my shoes in a restaurant.

1.(feed) a tiger.
2. (read) *Lord of the Flies*.
3. (wreck) my car.
4. (understand) Albert Einstein's theory of relativity.
5. (think) about Darwin's theory of evolution.
6. (build) a house.
7. (fly) a kite.
8. (hold) a baby.
9. (sleep) in a tent.
10. (travel) to Russia.
11. (teach) English.
12. (vote) for local representatives.
13. (listen) to Charles Mingus.
14. (catch) a butterfly.
15. (make) a blueberry pie.
16. (win) the lottery.
17. (send) an e-mail to the chief of staff of the U.S. Army.
18. (eat) chicken ice cream.
19.(steal) a bike.
20. (fall) off a cliff.
21. (bring) a penguin to class.
22. (forget) my name.
23. (drink) absinth.

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1. Today is..... . I bought this book

I have had this book since..... . I have had it for.....

2. I first decided she was my best friend I have known her for..... .
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3. It is 200..... . I started going to school in 19..... /200..... . I have been a student for..... I have been a student since

4. Yesterday was..... . I moved to this town..... I have been living in this town since..... I have been here for

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I(be) to England, Turkey, Madagascar, Spain, and Portugal.

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When(you _ be) in Madagascar?

MARTHA: Three years ago. I(also _ visit) the neighbouring islands. I(take) a boat tour that lasted two weeks.

PIERRE: What were the names of the islands that(you _ visit)?

MARTHA: I can't remember anymore. The names(be) quite difficult to pronounce, so I(have) a very difficult time memorizing them.

PIERRE: I(always _ want) to go abroad, but I..... (not _ have) the opportunity to do so. I(go) to Senegal three years ago, but I(not _ travel) since then.

Answers

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