

38 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 My sister has been / ~~was~~ interested in medicine ever since she has been / ~~was~~ a child.
- 2 How long have you studied / ~~did you study~~ before you have qualified / ~~qualified~~?
- 3 Where have you first met / ~~did you first meet~~ your boyfriend?
- 4 Is this the first time you've cooked / ~~you cooked~~ pasta?
- 5 We have wanted / ~~wanted~~ to go to the cinema last night, but there haven't been / ~~weren't~~ any seats.
- 6 What can we do? I'm sure something has happened / ~~happened~~ to Alex. We've been waiting / ~~We waited~~ over an hour and he hasn't phoned / ~~he hasn't been phoning~~ yet.
- 7 I've posted / ~~I posted~~ that CD to you three weeks ago. If you still haven't received / ~~didn't receive~~ it, please email me immediately.
- 8 I'm exhausted because I've worked / ~~I've been working~~ in a restaurant for the past three weeks. I've never realised / ~~I never realised~~ how hard it is!

39 Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box in the correct form: present perfect or past simple.

be be break earn forget give go have offer open speak tell

- 1 Bill has been away from school all this week.
- 2 Glenda went to the cinema every weekend when she was a student.
- 3 Pippa has been very quiet recently. Is she OK?
- 4 Eric opened the door before I rang the bell.
- 5 How long has Neil had his present job?
- 6 Has Tina spoken to her parents since she left home?
- 7 Ow, that hurt! I think I have broken my toe.
- 8 Jock told me about his problems last night.
- 9 I have forgotten Sue's mobile number. Do you have it?
- 10 Jane earned more money in her last job, but she enjoys this one more.
- 11 Did Brian give you his new address before he moved house?
- 12 My brother has offered to lend me his car tomorrow, so I needn't get the bus.

Step 29

a) Synonyms

duration: *span of time*

to trigger: *spark off*

to rise rapidly: *soar*

big: *sizeable*

small: *slight*

to pick and choose: *select*

details: *specifics*

to calm: *soothe*

to kill: *slaughter*

to break into pieces: *smash*

to make (a piece of news, eg) less violent: *soften*

to reduce: *slash*

b) antonyms

a mansion: *slum*

to slow down: *speed up*

hard: *smooth soft*

economic expansion: *slump*

c) Complete the following sentences:

They were not told about the problem: they were kept in the dark.

It is a secret: you must keep mum.

They had to go to great pains in order to achieve their goal, but it was worth the effort.

Grammar

5 Present perfect simple/ present perfect be V-ing

Repérez dans les phrases suivantes les verbes au present perfect simple et au present perfect be V-ing. Relevez dans chaque phrase ce qui exprime le résultat présent de l'action. Précisez ensuite sur quel élément se porte l'attention du locuteur. Classez l'ensemble de ces éléments dans un tableau semblable à celui donné ci-dessous.

Present perfect simple		
Formes verbales	Résultat	Focalisation sur
		<i>état présent</i>
Present perfect be V-ing		
Formes verbales	Résultat	Focalisation sur
		<i>super / action</i>

1. He has been writing the report. He looks exhausted.
2. At least I have finished the report now: quite a good one, I think.
3. They've driven the hostage to Damascus: he should be there by now.
4. They've been trying to get in touch with him for years and years ... They are quite desperate now.
5. Phone call to British police: a group opposed to the release of the hostages has claimed responsibility for three bomb blasts.
6. I have seen the British hostage: he looks terribly affected.
7. Hostages released! Officials have received news of the announcement with surprise.
8. He's been starving for so long he looks awfully skinny.

7 Present perfect simple/ present perfect be V-ing

Complétez les phrases du tableau A à l'aide de celles du tableau B, en tenant compte de la démarche suivie dans l'exercice 5.

A

1. a. I have been washing the car. *d*
b. I have washed the car. *c*
2. a. He's been reading for hours. *c*
b. He's read a very interesting book. *d*
3. a. They've played a very good match. *c*
b. They've been playing for hours. *d*
4. a. I have worked so much in the past year. *d*
b. I have been working over it again and again. *c*
5. a. Can you imagine? She's been studying English for 7 years. *c*
b. She's studied English in Oxford. *d*
6. a. She has moved the furniture round. *d*
b. She has been moving the furniture round. *c*

B

1. c. It looks nice and clean now.
d. Look! my hands are all wet.
2. c. His eyes are aching now.
d. about the subject of his next conference.
3. c. The supporters were quite satisfied.
d. they look exhausted.
4. c. and still I can't remember anything.
d. my parents should be satisfied, don't you think so?
5. c. and she still can't understand anything.
d. don't you think her accent is fantastic?
6. c. She has a back pain now
d. The place is upside down.