EXERCISES

You are writing a letter to a friend. In the letter you give news about yourself and other people. Use the words given to make sentences. Use the present perfect.

Dear Chris,

Lots of things have happened since I last wrote to you.
1 I / buy / a new car ...I've bought a new car...
2 my father / start / a new job ..............................................................
3 I / give up / smoking ........................................................................
4 Charles and Sarah / go / to Brazil ........................................................
5 Suzanne / have / a baby ........................................................................

7.2 Read the situations and write sentences. Choose one of the following:

arrive break go up grow improve lose

1 Mike is looking for his key. He can't find it. ...He has lost his key...
2 Margaret can't walk and her leg is in plaster. She ........................................
3 Maria's English wasn't very good. Now it is much better. ..........................
4 Tim didn't have a beard last month. Now he has a beard. .........................
5 This morning I was expecting a letter. Now I have it. .................................
6 Last week the bus fare was 80 pence. Now it is 90. ...................................

3 Complete B's sentences. Use the verb in brackets + just/already/yet (as shown).

A

Would you like something to eat?
Do you know where Julia is?
What time is David leaving?
What's in the newspaper today?
Is Ann coming to the cinema with us?
Are your friends here yet?
What does Tim think about your plan?

B

No, thanks. I've just had lunch. (just/have)
Yes, I ........................................ her. (just/see)
He ........................................... (already/leave)
I don't know. I ........................................
(no/already/leave)
No, she ....................................... the film. (already/see)
Yes, they ........................................ (already/arrive)
I .................................................. (not/tell/yet)

4 Read the situations and write sentences with just, already or yet.

1 After lunch you go to see a friend at her house. She says 'Would you like something to eat?' You say: No, thank you. I've just had lunch. (have lunch)
2 Joe goes out. Five minutes later, the phone rings and the caller says 'Can I speak to Joe?' You say: I'm afraid .........................................................
3 You are eating in a restaurant. The waiter thinks you have finished and starts to take your plate away. You say: Wait a minute! ........................................
4 You are going to a restaurant this evening. You phone to reserve a table. Later your friend says 'Shall I phone to reserve a table?' You say: No, ......................................................... it. (do)
5 You know that a friend of yours is looking for a job. Perhaps she has been successful. Ask her. You say: ......................................................... ? (find)
6 Ann went to the bank, but a few minutes ago she returned. Somebody asks 'Is Ann still at the bank?' You say: No, ......................................................... (come back)

Put in been or gone.

1 Jim is on holiday. He's ...gone... to Italy.
2 Hello! I've just ................................ to the shops. I've bought lots of things.
3 Alice isn't here at the moment. She's ........................................ to the shop to get a newspaper.
4 Tom has .................................... out. He'll be back in about an hour.
5 'Are you going to the bank?' 'No, I've already ................................ to the bank.'
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8.1 You are asking somebody questions about things he or she has done. Make questions from the words in brackets.

1 (ever / ride / horse?) Have you ever ridden a horse?
2 (ever / be / California?)
3 (ever / run / marathon?)
4 (ever / speak / famous person?)
5 (always / live / in this town?)
6 (most beautiful place / ever / visit?) What

8.2 Complete B's answers. Some sentences are positive and some negative. Use a verb from this list: be be happen meet play read see see try

A

1 What's George's sister like?
2 How is Amy these days?
3 Are you hungry?
4 Can you play chess?
5 Did you enjoy your holiday?
6 What's that book like?
7 Is Brussels an interesting place?
8 Mike was late for work again today.
9 Do you like caviar?
10 The car broke down again yesterday.
11 Who's that woman by the door?

B

I've no idea. I've never met her.
I don't know. I haven't met her recently.
Yes. I haven't been there much today.
Yes, but I haven't been there for ages.
Yes, it's the best holiday I've had for a long time.
I don't know. I don't know where it is.
I've no idea. I've heard of it but I haven't been there.
Again? He hasn't been there every day this week.
I don't know. I haven't tried it before.
Not again! That's the second time I've eaten it.
I haven't seen it this week. I haven't seen it this week.
I don't know. I haven't seen him before.

8.3 Complete these sentences using today / this year / this term etc.

1 I saw Tom yesterday but I haven't seen him today.
2 I read a newspaper yesterday but I haven't read it today.
3 Last year the company made a profit but this year it hasn't made a profit.
4 Tracy worked hard at school last term but she's not working as hard this term.
5 It snowed a lot last winter but it hasn't snowed recently.
6 Our football team won a lot of games last season but we lost this season.

8.4 Read the situations and write sentences as shown in the examples.

1 Jack is driving a car but he's very nervous and not sure what to do.
You ask: Have you driven a car before?
He says: No, this is the first time I've driven a car.

2 Len is playing tennis. He's not very good and he doesn't know the rules.
You ask: Have you played tennis before?
He says: No, this is the first time.

3 Sue is riding a horse. She doesn't look very confident or comfortable.
You ask: Have you been on a horse before?
She says: No, this is the first time.

4 Maria is in London. She has just arrived and it's very new for her.
You ask: Have you been to London before?
She says: No, this is the first time.