

## Present perfect simple and past simple; ever, never, for, since, just, already, yet; Present perfect continuous

### 1 Complete these dialogues with the present perfect or past simple form of these verbs.

be (×4) • go • grow • hear • increase • live • reach • see

- '..... you ever ..... up a skyscraper?'  
'Yes, I ..... up the Willis Tower in Chicago. It ..... stunning.'
- '..... you ..... about the new Indian restaurant in town?'  
'Yes, I ..... there twice!'
- 'I ..... the new exhibition at the Contemporary Art Museum last weekend.'  
'Really? What's it like? There ..... a lot of discussion about it on social media.'
- 'How much ..... the world population ..... in the last decade?'  
'I'm not sure. I know it ..... seven billion in 2012.'
- 'Where ..... you ..... up?'  
'In this area. In the same house where I ..... all my life.'

### 2 Complete the sentences with these adverbs in the correct position.

already • ever • for • just • never • since • yet

- My school cares about the environment, but it hasn't installed solar panels.
- I'm so excited because my friend's parents have bought a lovely cottage in the countryside.
- The historic town hall has been restored – that's a real shame!
- Have you eaten sushi? It's delicious.
- The local economy has grown steadily, the new administration has been in office.
- My parents say we have been in this tiny flat ten years – it's time to move out.
- The new lift has broken down three times – that's really annoying.

### 3 Rewrite these sentences using the new endings.

- My dad started working as an architect 20 years ago.  
..... for 20 years.
- It started raining in the morning and it's still raining.  
..... all day.
- Their living conditions are the same as ten years ago.  
..... changed in ten years.
- My cousin began studying medicine when she finished high school.  
..... since she finished high school.

- I arrived at the bus stop half an hour ago and I'm still waiting for the bus!  
..... for half an hour.

### 4 Find and correct the mistakes. There are three incorrect sentences.

- The temperature today has been falling by five degrees. It's freezing!
- Life has become very difficult for those living in the city because of traffic.
- According to some experts, our quality of life has been getting steadily worse over the last few years.
- The residents have been waiting for a new eco-friendly plan since many years.
- My parents have moved to a semi-detached house two years ago.
- Some people think that Megacities have had a negative impact on the environment.

### 5 Choose the best answers to complete the text.

The number of children in Japan (1) ..... dramatically in recent years. In 2015, the number of children aged 15 and under (2) ..... 16.17 million, about 13% of the population. As a consequence, the percentage of people aged 65 or over (3) ..... a record high, making up over 25% of the population. According to the Internal Affairs and Communications Ministry, the number of children (4) ..... so low (5) ..... records began in 1950, when the Ministry first started publishing these statistics. In 1950, children (6) ..... up 35% of the population, or about one in three Japanese. But then the number (7) ..... to decline steadily, except during the baby boom in the 1970s. Statistics show that the number of children (8) ..... by more than 13 million (9) ..... 1950! Tokyo is the only city where there (10) ..... an increase in the number of children over the last years – up by 14,000, the ministry said.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 A is falling    | B has falling         | C has been falling  | D fell              |
| 2 A have been     | B are                 | C were              | D was               |
| 3 A has reached   | B reached             | C has been reaching | D reaches           |
| 4 A has ever been | B was never           | C has already been  | D has never been    |
| 5 A from          | B for                 | C since             | D when              |
| 6 A have made     | B have been making    | C made              | D were making       |
| 7 A started       | B had started         | C has started       | D has been starting |
| 8 A has decreased | B has been decreasing | C decreased         | D is                |
| 9 A since         | B for                 | C from              | D in                |
| 10 A has been     | B is                  | C was               | D were              |