

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 the verbs given.

- '..... you ever (be) up a skyscraper?'
'Yes, I (go) up the Willis Tower in Chicago once. It (be) stunning.'
- '..... you (hear) about the new Indian restaurant in town?'
'Yes, I already (be) there twice!'
- 'I (see) the new exhibition at the Contemporary Art Museum last weekend.'
'Really? What's it like? There (be) a lot of discussion about it on social media.'
- 'How much the world population (increase) in the last decades?'
'I'm not sure. I know it (reach) seven billion in 2012.'
- 'Where you (grow) up?'
'I (grow) up right here. In the same house where I (live) all my life.'

2 Complete the sentences with these adverbs.

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

- Our 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 and that it's time to move out.
- The new lift has broken down three times – that's really annoying.

3 Use these words to make sentences or questions in the present perfect continuous form.

- how long/you/work/as an architect/?
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- the exhibition/run/a month/.
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- how long/the residents/wait for/new eco-friendly plan/?
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- I/be/tired/because/I/go/up and down the stairs/all day/.
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- they/build/new blocks of flats/for many years/.
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- we/not live/in this city/for a long time/.
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4 Complete these sentences with the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs given.

- It (rain) heavily for hours now and it doesn't seem to be stopping.
- The temperature today (fall) by five degrees. It's freezing!
- Life (become) very difficult for those living in the city because of traffic.
- According to some experts, our quality of life (get) steadily worse over the last few years.
- The kids' bedroom is so untidy because they (play) all day.

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 |
| 2 A have been | B are | C was |
| 3 A has reached | B reached | C has been reaching |
| 4 A has never been | B was never | C has already been |
| 5 A from | B when | C since |
| 6 A have made | B have been making | C made |
| 7 A started | B had started | C has started |
| 8 A has decreased | B has been decreasing | C decreased |
| 9 A since | B for | C from |
| 10 A was | B is | C has been |