**Ex. 1 Complete this telephone conversation with the correct Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.**

**Martha:** Where (be) for the last hour? We (get) quite worried about you since you didn't arrive at 8!

**George:** We (be) stuck in traffic for nearly an hour, but we should be there soon.

**Martha:** OK. We (wait) to start dinner for ages, but we can wait a little longer.

**George:** Sorry about that, but it's not the first time we (have) such trouble. This place is terrible for traffic at this hour! I (never see) it so congested!

**Martha:** Yes, I know. Where are you now?

**George:** Well, we (just pass) the big hospital, which is about two kilometres from your house.

**Martha:** Oh, yes. You'll probably need another 20 minutes, because they (mend) the road for the past week. It's all blocked off, so you'll have to turn off before the petrol station.

**George:** OK. See you soon. Bye.

**Ex. 2 Read the text below and fill in the gaps with the correct form of a verb in the Present Perfect from the box below. Use each verb only once. There is one verb that you don't need.**

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The problem of forest fires (1) over the past few years. In the hot dry summer months of recent years, all of us (2) used to seeing such fires reported regularly on the news. How these fires start is something of a mystery, and many arguments (3) to explain their cause. Some say that the fires (4) deliberately, while others say that careless foreign tourists (5) broken bottles lying around in the countryside. These then catch the sun's rays and can easily start a fire. Fire-fighters (6) with this problem almost continuously for the last 2 years, and (7) that families out for a day's picnic (8) careful enough when putting out camp fires, and it only takes a few dry leaves to turn into a raging fire, which can devastate huge areas of land. The government (9) a new law, which forbids the lighting of any fires on forest land, and all campers must put their tents on official campsites. Since the new law came into force, police and forest rangers (10) forest areas on the lookout for anyone breaking the rules.

It is hoped that this will cut down on the frequency of fires.

**Ex. 3 Answer questions 1-14 using hints a-n which describe the events that took place before the moment of speaking.**

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| 1. Why are your eyes red?  2. The kitchen smells of fresh fruit  3. Why is the computer switched on?  4. You both look upset  5. Ben, why are your jeans torn?  6. My clothes are all on the bed  7. Your hands are in flour  8. Why have you all fallen silent?  9. My fingers are sticky  10. Little Nancy's face is in something brown  11. Why is your room in such a mess?  12. There are empty bottles and glasses and packets all over the place.  13. Your hands are so cold!  14. I can't write a loving letter now | a. celebrate something  b. look for my passport  c. eat a Mars bar  d. talk about me again?  e. eat honey  f. bake a pie?  g. my daughter, try on  h. play football  i. quarrel again  j. check my e-mail  k. make a fruit salad  l. watch television for hours  m. write too many official papers  n. clean the snow off the doorstep |

**Ex. 4 Open the brackets and put the verbs into the Present Perfect Continuous Tense or the Present Perfect Tense***.*

1. I (try) to get into contact with them for a long time, but now I (give) it up as hopeless. 2*.* My shortsighted uncle (lose) his spectacles. We (look) for them everywhere but we can't find them. 3. She (be) of great help to us since she (live) for such a long time with us. 4. You ever (work) as interpreter? –Yes, that is what I (do) for the last five months. 5. They (make up) their quarrel? — I don't know. I only know that they (not be) on speaking terms since September. 6. Our pilot (ask) for permission to take off for ten minutes already, but he (get) no answer yet. 7. A skilful photographer (help) me with the development of summer films for two weeks, but we (develop) only half of them. 8. I (know) them since we met at Ann's party. 9. You (open) the door at last, it seems to me I (ring) for an hour at least. 10. Look, the typist (talk) all the time, she already (miss) several words.

**Ex. 5 Open the brackets and put the verbs into the proper tense, either the Present Continuous or the Present Perfect Continuous.**

1. Don't come in. He (take) an exam. He (take) his exam for half an hour already. *2*.Where are the children? — They (play volleyball). They (play volleyball) since two o'clock, 3. 1 (learn) to type for a month and can say that my typing (improve). 4. Nick (come) round to see as tonight. 5. He (stay) at his sister's for six weeks. He (try) to find somewhere to live. 6. We can't dance as myfather (work) in the study. He (prepare) a report. He (write) it for the whole day. 7. Do you see what the child (do) with your hat? Тakе it from him. 8. They still (discuss) the article? But they (do) it since twelve o'clock! 9. The prices (go up). They (rise) since 1991. 10. What a strong wind (blow)! It (blow) since yesterday.

**Ex. 6 Open the brackets and put the verbs into the proper tense (the Present Indefinite, the Present Continuous, the Present Perfect Continuous or the Present Perfect Tense).**

1. It (snow) steadily the whole week and it still (snow). 2. We (climb) for six hours already, but we (not reach) the top of the mountain yet. 3. The pain already (go) but the child still (cry). 4. The workers (work) very hard these two weeks, they (be) busy with the interior decoration of the house. 5. He (solve) the crossword puzzle for an hour and he (say) he (be) about to solve it as he (think) over the last word. 6. He (work) at the language all the time and (make) great progress. His pronunciation (be) rather good, only a slight accent (remain). 7. Не (finish) the first part of his book and now he (write) the second. He (work) at his book for two years. 8. Dustin Hoffman, who (play) the hero, (give) a fine performance. 9. Why your hair (be) wet? You (swim)? 10. Doctors and scientists (show) recently the benefit of fish in the diet.

**Ex. 7 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

1. We (mend) sheets all morning but we only (do) three, and now the sewing machine (break) down so we'll be even slower with the next one.

2. George (collect) matchboxes ever since he left school. Now he (collect) so many that he doesn't know where to put them.

3. I (look) through my old photograph album. It's full of photographs of people whose names I completely (forget). I wonder what (happen) to them all.

4. It was lovely at eleven o'clock, but since then the sky (get) steadily darker and the wind (rise). I'm afraid the fine spell (come) to an end.

5. - Since he became Mayor, my brother reckons that he (eat) 30 official lunches and 22 official dinners, and he (lose) count of the number of receptions and parties that he (attend).

- He (put) on a lot of weight?

6. Secretary: Customers (ring) up all morning complaining about getting incorrect bills.

Manager: I know; something (go) wrong with our computer. The mechanic (work) on it. I hope he (find) out what's wrong.

7. Someone (use) my umbrella! It's all wet! And it was wet yesterday and the day before! - Well, it wasn't me. I (not be) out of the house for a week!

8. I (stand) in this queue for ages. It (not move) at all in the last five minutes. I think the man in the ticket office just (shut) his window and (go) off for lunch.

9. The Town Council (consider) my application for permission to build a garage for three months. They just (give) my neighbour permission to build one, so I hope they (decide) to let me have one too.

10. You look exhausted! - Yes, I (play) tennis and I (not play) for years, so I'm not used to it.

11. They began widening this road three weeks ago; but the workmen (be) on strike for the last fortnight so they (not get) very far with it.

12. That man (stand) at the bus stop for the last half hour. Shall I tell him that the last bus already (go)?

13. I wonder if anything (happen) to Tom. I (wait) an hour now. He often (keep) me waiting but he never (be) quite so late as this.

14. Mrs Brown (live) next door for quite a long time now but she never (say) more than 'Good morning' to me.

15. I just (remember) that I (not pay) the rent yet. I am surprised that the landlord (not ring) me up to remind me.

- It is the first time you (be) late with the rent in 25 years. He probably thinks that you (pay) and he (lose) the cheque.

16. Shop assistant: Could you give me some proof of your identity, madam?

Customer: But I (shop) here for fifteen years!

Shop assistant: I know, madam, but apparently the company (lose) a lot of money lately through dud cheques and they (make) new regulations which we (be told) to apply to all customers no matter how long we (know) them.

17. What you (do)? I (look) for you for ages. - I (build) a barbecue in the garden.

**Ex. 8 Use the right form of the verbs in brackets.**

**I**. 1. Good gracious, Kit, whatever you (do)? You seem to have all the paint on yourself that there is in the world. 2. I (think) about you all day, Emma. 3. What you (do) since we last (meet)? 4. –You look hot. –Yes, I (play) tennis. 5. I (work) in a bookshop now. I (work) here for about six weeks. 6. I (do) so for thirty years and I'm not going to change my ways. 7. She (have) toothache since she got up this morning. 8. How long you (know) Susan? 9. We (write) invitation cards all morning. We (write) eleven already. And we still not (finish) them all. 10. Mary (go out) with Steve for a year now, and they (plan) to get married soon. 11. I (keep) a watch on the road for the last few days, trying to catch a glimpse of you as you passed. 12. And now, gentlemen, I want to know what (go on) here and how long it (go on). 13. He (chase) this girl for half a year but she wouldn't even look at him. 14. They (think) a lot about this situation these past few days, since they (be) home. 15. There's something I (want) to ask you for the last couple of hours.

**II**. Tanya: Julia, what you (do)? It's already 2.00. Aren't we going shopping?

Julia: I know, but everything takes twice as long to do as I expected. I (have) a lot of problems since I moved into this apartment.

T: How long you (paint) those pictures?

J: I started at 8.00 this morning.

T: You mean you (paint) for six hours!

J: I really don't know what I (do). I never (paint) before. Besides, nothing (go) right today. The man from the phone company still not (come). I (wait) for him all day.

Т: What's that strange noise I hear?

J: Oh, that! That's the toilet. It (run) like that since last night. And the refrigerator not (work) properly since I moved in.

T: Well, just call the superintendent to fix those things.

J: I don't know. Maybe I (make) a mistake. I (think) things over lately. Maybe I shouldn't have moved into this apartment. It (need) too much work.

T: It's not that bad. Your apartment will be great in a few weeks.

J: Maybe. All I know is that I (have) nothing but headaches ever since I moved in.

T: But don't forget that you (have) a lot of fun, too.

**Ex. 9 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1. It's about two years since I last went to the beach. (f**or)**

I haven't two years.

1. John started working at six, and he's still in his office. (**been)**

John for 3 hours.

1. It's some time since I last had Chinese food. (**for)**

I haven't some time.

1. I started to learn Spanish 8 years ago. (**learning)**

I 8 years.

5. I read that book some time ago. **(before)**

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6. Is this your first time in London? (**ever)**

to London before?

7. Peter left the school a few seconds ago. (**just)**

Peter

1. I last went to London one year ago. (**been)**

I for a year.

9. I moved to Greece four months ago. (**for)**

I four months.

10. I bought this watch last summer. (s**ince)**

I last summer.

**Ex. 10 Read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick by the number at the end of each line. If a line has a word that should not be there, write this word next to the number at the end of each line.**

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| Across the Europe, one of the century's greatest winter snowfalls | 1 |
| has been put towns and villages from the Pyrenees to Romania in | 2 |
| danger. Among of the first to suffer were the French villages of Le | 3 |
| Tour and Montroc, where avalanches they caused a lot of damage. | 4 |
| Roads were blocked near to the popular resorts of Davos, Klosters | 5 |
| and Zermatt. The heavy snow prevented an efforts to rescue  survivors and more than 400 of police, and health workers were | 6  7 |
| being involved in the rescue attempts. High in the Vanoise mountains, | 8 |
| three mountaineers were survived 10 days of blizzards in a tent. Rescuers have found them after one of the climbers managed to make | 9  10 |
| a call from his mobile phone. The weather improved on Sunday, | 11 |
| letting aircraft to take people away from the dangerous areas. | 12 |
| Meteorologists, warning of the possible danger, had suggested to evacuate 10,000 people from the area only days before the avalanches | 13  14 |
| struck, but the idea was rejected as an unrealistic. It might have | 13 |
| been better to respect the forces of the nature and listen to the warnings of the experts. | 14  15 |

**Ex. 11 Translate into English.**

1. Он наш тренер с тех пор, как я начал иг­рать в этой команде. 2. Они уже приняли решение (take a decision) по этому вопросу? – Нет. Они все еще спорят. Они обсуждают этот вопрос уже два часа и еще не пришли ни к какому решению. 3. Утро было солнеч­ное, но с одиннадцати погода изменилась, и сейчас идет дождь. 4. Чем вы занимаетесь с тех пор, как мы расста­лись (part)? 5. Мэри уже приехала? – Да, она уже здесь два дня. Она приехала в пятницу. 6. Студенты пишут контрольную работу уже два часа. Пока только двое сда­ли работы. 7. Гроза (thunderstorm) прошла, но небо покрыто темными тучами, и дует сильный ветер. 8. Вы прочитали книгу, которую я вам дала? 9. Вы плохо вы­глядите. Вы много работали на этой неделе? – Да. Я работаю над переводом уже десять дней, но сделала только половину. 10. Что здесь делает этот человек? – Он ждет секретаря. Она еще не пришла на работу.