

Grammar Challenge

Present perfect

Practice activities



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Quiz 1:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a - c which best fits the space.

1. ... in Hong Kong since 2004.

- a. She lived
- b. She's lived
- c. She's live

2. I ... him for ages.

- a. seen
- b. haven't saw
- c. haven't seen

3. She's ... the boss for 6 months now.

- a. has
- b. be
- c. been

4. We ... to France on holiday last year.

- a. went
- b. 've gone
- c. go

5. He ... had a lot of problems recently.

- a. have
- b. 's
- c. is

6. She ... four marathons. Her first one ... in 2001 in Amsterdam.

- a. has run / has been
- b. ran / was
- c. has run / was

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Exercise 2:

Look at this information about the Harry Potter writer JK Rowling. Choose the best answer from the options below to complete the sentences.

She (1) _____ born on 31 July 1965.

She (2) _____ 7 Harry Potter books and although she says she won't write any more, lots of her fans hope her seventh one won't be her last.

She (3) _____ as an English Language teacher in Portugal for a short time in the early 90s.

Her books about Harry Potter (4) _____ incredibly successful and so far she (5) _____ more than £500 million from them.

She (6) _____ married twice and has two children – one from each marriage.

Options

- (1) has been / was / is
- (2) writes / has wrote / has written
- (3) has worked / worked / is worked
- (4) have / have been / has been
- (5) has made / has make / makes
- (6) has / has been / was

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Present perfect - Answers

Exercise 1:

Read the sentence and choose the one option a - c which best fits the space.

1. *... in Hong Kong since 2004.*

- a. She lived – Sorry, you need to use the present perfect here.
- b. She's lived – Well done, the present perfect here is correct.
- c. She's live – Sorry, the main verb 'live' is in the wrong form.

2. *I ... him for ages.*

- a. seen – Sorry, you need a part of the auxiliary 'to have' to make the present perfect.
- b. haven't saw – Sorry, the main verb 'see' is in the wrong form.
- c. haven't seen – Well done, this is correct.

3. *She's ... the boss for 6 months now.*

- a. has – Sorry, you need the past participle of a main verb.
- b. be – Sorry, that's not the correct form of the main verb. You need the past participle.
- c. been – Well done, that's the correct form to make the present perfect.

4. *We ... to France on holiday last year.*

- a. went – Well done, you need the past simple here as we are talking about 'last year' a time which is finished.
- b. 've gone – Sorry, you need the past simple here as we are talking about 'last year' a time which is finished.
- c. go – Sorry, you need the past simple here as we are talking about 'last year' a time which is finished.

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5. *He ... had a lot of problems recently.*

- a. have – Sorry, this is the wrong form of the auxiliary 'to have'.
- b. 's – Well done, this is correct.
- c. is – Sorry, this is the wrong auxiliary verb.

6. *She ... four marathons. Her first one ... in 2001 in Amsterdam.*

- a. has run /has been – Sorry, this is partly correct but you need the present perfect followed by the past simple.
- b. ran/was – Sorry, this is partly correct but you need the present perfect followed by the past simple.
- c. has run/was – Well done, you need the present perfect followed by the past simple.

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