Grammar Challenge
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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
Present perfect

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
Present perfect - Answers

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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.
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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