

UNIT

4

# HOW WE LIVE



# READING



# VOCABULARY

# gadget

*noun [ C ]*

UK /'gædʒɪt/ US /'gædʒət/

C1

a small device or machine with a particular purpose



Cell phone



printer



laptop



e-reader



MP3 player



Video camera



Photo camera



Tablet



TV

# attitude

*noun*

UK  /'æt.i.tʃu:d/ US  /'æt̬.ə.tu:d/

a feeling or opinion



It's often very difficult to change people's attitudes.

**image** /'ɪm.ɪdʒ/ us  /'ɪm.ɪdʒ/

*noun*



**imagine**

*verb [T]*

UK  /ɪ'mædʒ.in/ US  /ɪ'mædʒ.in/



# opposite

adjective

B2

completely different:

UK /'ɒp.ə.zɪt/ US /'ɑ:pə.zɪt/



Angry



Happy

# cupboard

*noun [ C ]*

UK  /'kʌb.əd/ US  /'kʌb.əd/

a piece of furniture or a space for storing things, with a door or doors and usually with shelves:



# survive

*verb*

UK  /sə'vaɪv/ US  /sə-'vaɪv/

**to continue to live or exist**



# publisher

*noun* [ C ]

UK  /'pʌb.li.ʃər/ US  /'pʌb.li.ʃər/

**an organization that publishes text or music**

# PRESENT PERFECT

**FERGUS AND I** have been friends for a long time but we're very different in our attitudes to technology. I'm a journalist; I know I spend too much time online – face-to-face contact is important! But technology is a wonderful tool and I can't imagine life without it.

Fergus, an artist, is the complete opposite. He has never used a computer. Five years ago a friend gave him an old desktop computer and he put it at the back of a cupboard. Has Fergus ever used a mobile phone? Yes, he has – he called me on one yesterday. But he never texts with it. 'Phone calls are so much more personal,' he says. How does Fergus survive without the internet? I've no idea, but he does!

Fergus doesn't understand what Facebook is and he hasn't watched anything on YouTube. He thinks it's wrong to use an e-reader because it isn't good for publishers. He has read a blog – last week I showed him my latest one.

OK, that's enough about Fergus – I must get back on Twitter! Follow me online #dangreen.

Forms

✓

X  
?

PRESENT PERFECT

Usage

Example

# PRESENT PERFECT TENSE

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**S + have/has + past participle**

I have tried sushi.

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**S + have not (haven't)/has not (hasn't) + past participle**

I have not tried sushi.

?

**Have/Has + subject + past participle?**

Have you tried sushi?

## PAST RECENT EVENTS

We don't say when. Or with time expressions including now.



JUST, ALREADY, YET

"Have you finished yet?" "Yes, I've already finished."

RECENTLY

Have you seen any good films recently?

TODAY, THIS WEEK,  
THIS MONTH, ETC.

I haven't seen Ted today. Maybe he isn't feeling well.

## PAST EXPERIENCES

We don't say when these events happened.



NEVER, EVER, BEFORE

"Have you ever read it?" "I have never read it."

Superlative + EVER

This is the best food I've ever tried.

Number of times  
until now

I've seen this film three times.

## UNFINISHED SITUATIONS

Situations that started in the past and have not finished.



HOW LONG,  
FOR, SINCE

We have been married for 20 years.

ALL + time expression

I've lived in this house all my life.

LATELY

We have been very busy lately.

She's had an accident.

I've passed the exam.

I have been (be) to Canada twice.

I have been (be) to Canada twice.

Mary \_\_\_\_\_(win) the lottery last year.

They have not learned (not/learn) the new words yet.

I met my wife in 1983.

We have eaten (eat) at that restaurant many times.

She has lost (lose) her phone.

We flew (fly) from New York to Mexico City last week.

She has worked (work) at the bank since 2000.

He has not eaten (not/eat) this kind of food before.

I have watched (watch) TV for two hours.

When I was a boy, I walked (walk) a mile to school every day.

## **1. Describe your favourite gadget**

*You should say:*

*What it is*

*When you got it*

*How often you use it*

*and say why is it so important to you.*