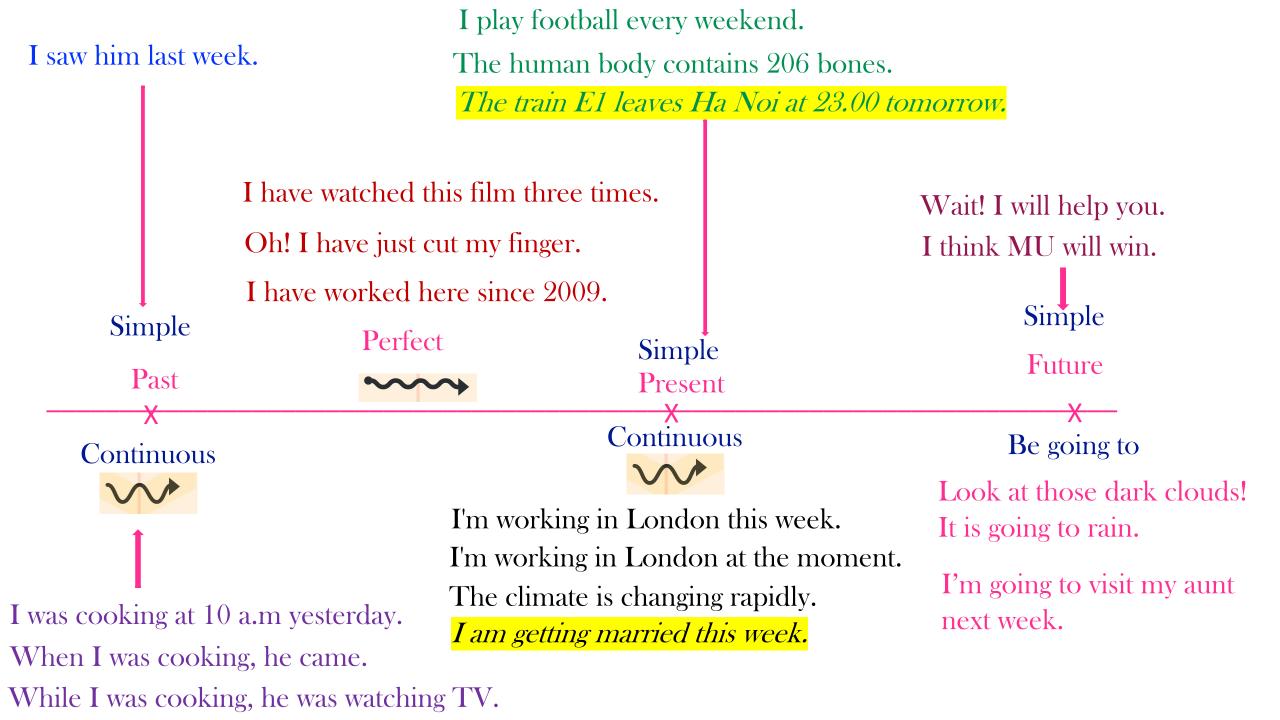
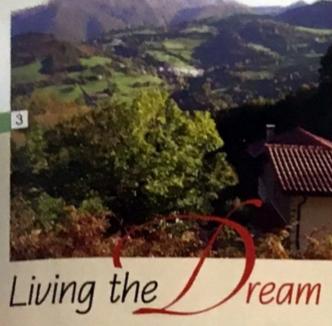
## UNIT 4

## LIVING THE DREAM

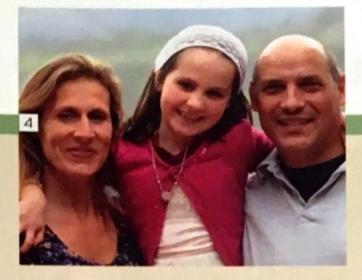






All her life Georgina Howard has loved places with no people – wild places. She was born in Birmingham in the UK and lived there as a child, but she realised as a teenager that she didn't want to live in the city.

She trained as an English teacher and has done some interesting things. She has taught English to Inuit in Greenland and worked for a balloon safari company in South Africa. She lived in Copenhagen for seven years, from 1990 to 1997, and had a Danish boyfriend, but they broke up in 1997, when she returned to England.



Georgina had a dream. She wanted to live in a house in the mountains and share it with people of different nationalities. A friend suggested the Pyrenees, in north-west Spain, in the lovely Basque country. So she went there in 1999 and has lived there since 2001. When she arrived there all those years ago, she had an old car called Fred, a Spanish dictionary and a pair of walking boots.

Two years later she bought a tiny house with two rooms in a small village on top of a mountain. This place is now a building with seven bedrooms and eight bathrooms.

Georgina lives there with her



daughter and her Spanish husband. He's a lawyer and they've been together for many years now.

Georgina has owned a successful holiday company called Pyrenean Experience since 1999. People stay for a week or two in her house, learn Spanish, discover the Basque culture and go for long walks in the mountains.

Georgina loves walking and spending time with her friends in the village. She loves the fact that the village is really old and that people have lived there for thousands of years. She's a fortunate woman – she's living her dream!

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2. A/An balloon safari in Africa has

become the must-do on an adventure

today.



7. Can you <u>suggest</u> where I could buy a dozen roses?

5. I <u>realize</u> how difficult it's going to be, but we must try.

6. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that he wasn't injured in the accident.

1. She has just broken up with her boyfriend.

8. Everyone is responsible for protecting <u>wild</u> animals.

4. He's studying modern Japanese language and <u>culture</u>\_\_\_\_.

3. Christopher Columbus <u>discovered</u> America in 1492

9. This is not my house. My father \_\_\_\_\_it.

## Write complete questions using the present perfect or past simple.

- 1. How long / Georgina / live / Copenhagen?
- 2. When / Georgina / arrive / Basque country?
- 3. How long / Georgina/ have / house?
- 4. How long / Georgina / own / her holiday company?
- 5. How long / Georgina live / Basque country?
- 6. How long / Georgina / know / her husband?
- 7. When / Georgina and her Danish boyfriend / break up?

## Answer the questions the answer will depend on the current year.

- 1. How long did Georgina live in Copenhagen?
- FOR + PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE + YEAR
- 2. When did Georgina arrive in Basque country?
- 3. How long has Georgina had a house?
- 4. How long has Georgina owned her holiday company?
- 5. How long has Georgina lived in Basque country?
- 6. How long has Georgina known her husband?
- 7. When did Georgina and her Danish boyfriend break up?