**Grammar Exercise: Simple Past / Present Perfect**

**Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses.**

**1.** A: Did you like the movie "Star Wars?" B: I don't know. I (see, never) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that movie.

**2.** Sam (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in San Diego a week ago.

**3.** My best friend and I (know) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each other for over fifteen years. We still get together

once a week.

**4.** Stinson is a fantastic writer. He (write) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ten very creative short stories in

the last year. One day, he'll be as famous as Hemingway.

**5.** I (have, not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this much fun since I (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a kid.

**6.** Things (change) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a great deal at Coltech, Inc. When we first (start) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

working here three years ago, the company (have, only) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six employees. Since then,

we (expand) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to include more than 2000 full-time workers.

**7.** I (tell) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him to stay on the path while he was hiking, but he (wander)\_\_\_\_­­­­\_\_\_\_\_ off

into the forest and (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bitten by a snake.

**8.** Listen Donna, I don't care if you (miss) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bus this morning. You (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

late to work too many times. You are fired!

**9.** Sam is from Colorado, which is hundreds of miles from the coast, so he (see, never) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

the ocean. He should come with us to Miami.

**10.** How sad! George (dream) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of going to California before he died, but he didn't make it. He (see, never) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the ocean.

**11.** In the last hundred years, traveling (become) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ much easier and very comfortable.

In the 19th century, it (take) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ two or three months to cross North America by covered

wagon. The trip (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very rough and often dangerous. Things (change) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a great deal in the last hundred and fifty years.