

Write questions. Use the present perfect or the past simple. Read the answers first.

1 How long / Sarah / live / in Poland?

How long has Sarah lived in Poland?

Since 2000.

2 When / John / lose / his job?

When did John lose his job?

Three weeks ago.

3 How long / Ricardo / have / a cat?

How long has Ricardo had a cat?

Since January.

4 What time / you / finish / work last night?

What time have you finished your work last night?

At 9 o'clock.

5 When / last time / you / have / a holiday?

When did you have a holiday last time?
When was the last time you had a vacation?

Last year.

6 How long / you / watch / TV / last night?

How long have you watched TV last night?

All evening.

7 When / Chris / go out?

When did Chris go out?

Ten minutes ago.

8 How long / your father / be / in hospital?

How long has your father been in the hospital?

Since Monday.

There are mistakes in eight of these sentences. Correct the sentences where necessary. Write 'OK' if the sentence is already correct.

1 When have Tim and Annie been to India?

When did Tim and Annie go to India?

2 I'm here since last year.

I have been here since last year.

3 Maria has just written a book. It's very good.

OK

4 Sue's an actor. She's been a photographer five years ago.

She was a photographer.

5 James and I have met last March.

James and I have met last March.

6 The weather has been cold for many days.

OK

7 John is looking for a new job since last month.

John has looked for a new job since last month.

8 Have you spoken to your parents last night?

Did you speak to your parents last night?

9 I played the guitar since I was a child.

OK I have played.

10 What have you done last night?

What did you do last night?

Put the verbs in the present perfect or the past simple:

'Here is the Six o'clock News from ITC, on Monday the 25th of April.

Our reporter in Nepal (1) telephoned (telephone) us ten minutes ago and (2) said (say) that Junko Shimoto and her partner, Miki Sato, are on top of the world today. They (3) reached (reach) the top of Mount Everest half an hour ago. Our reporter spoke to another climber on the expedition.

REPORTER: Are Junko and Miki still on the top of Mount Everest?

CLIMBER: No, they (4) just started (just start) their return journey.

REPORTER: How long (5) did they spend (spend) up there?

CLIMBER: About ten minutes. They (6) took (take) some photos of each other.

REPORTER: Are they in good health?

CLIMBER: Well, they're both tired, but they're fine.

The President of Volponia, Madame Fernoff, (7) arrived (arrive) in Britain last night. Madame Fernoff (8) has been (be) President since 2001. She said she was happy to be in Britain.

At yesterday's meeting of European finance ministers, Jack Delaney, the Irish Finance Minister, (9) said (say), 'I am going to leave my job soon. I (10) have worked (work) very hard, and I want to spend more time with my family.' Mr Delaney (11) has been (be) Irish Finance Minister for five years.

Last night, Camford United (12) won (win) the football league championship. The team (13) has won (win) the championship four times now – the first time

(14) was (be) in 1986. In their final game yesterday, Bryan Riggs

(15) scored (score) the winning goal. Riggs (16) has been (be) with the team since he (17) left (leave) school.

And now to the weather. We

(18) have had (have) a lot of rain over the country since the beginning of the week and unfortunately this will continue until the end of the weekend.

For your information, last week

(19) was (be) the wettest April week for 100 years.

And that's the end of tonight's news.'

