

5 Since When?

Term 2

A Complete the sentences about the photos. Use the words in the box.

brick
household

printer
microwave oven

clumsy
image

conventional
huge

device
light

My aunt was at my house yesterday. She and my mom made cookies. I noticed that my mom never uses the (1) _____ to make the cookies. My mom says that some things bake better the old-fashioned way, in a (2) _____ oven. That's why a lot of (3) _____ kitchens today have both types of oven.



Cell phones are very small today. And they have always been small. Well, that's what I thought! Then my older brother showed me one of the very first cell phones. My father had one in a box in the garage. It was not small at all! It was big and (4) _____. And when my brother handed it to me, I almost dropped it because it was so heavy. And that's why people called it the (5) _____. It's amazing how our cell phones today are so small and so (6) _____.



My new laptop computer is really amazing. It is so small and fast. I love it. I really only needed one other (7) _____ to go with it. I needed a (8) _____. But I didn't have to buy it. The store gave me one when I bought the laptop. What a deal!



My parents just bought a new TV. It's a big screen TV, and that means that the screen is (9) _____. It's awesome! The (10) _____ on the screen is



crystal clear and the sound is amazing.

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B Complete the conversations. Use the simple past.

1. **Mona:** When did you arrive at school this morning?
Sabah: I _____ at school at 8 o'clock.
2. **Ahmed:** Where did Yahya eat lunch yesterday?
Faris: He _____ lunch at the mall.
3. **Sultan:** What time _____ Imad _____ you last night?
Fahd: Imad called me at 10:30 p.m.
4. **Amina:** When did Noura and you finish your homework yesterday?
Fadwa: We _____ our homework just before dinner.
5. **Asma:** Who passed the history test last week?
Nawal: No one _____ that test!
6. **Jabir:** When _____ you at the park?
Ismail: I was at the park yesterday during the football game.

C Write complete sentences. Use the present perfect.



I / see / the Great Wall

I've seen the Great Wall.

1. my brother / play tennis / in the new park

2. Saeed / try / to learn French

3. we / go camping / in the mountains

4. my parents / eat / at the Indian restaurant by the bookstore

D Write questions for the statements in **C**.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

E Complete the paragraph with the verbs in parentheses. Use the present perfect or the simple past tense.

My uncle _____ (1. make) a lot of inventions. Some of his inventions _____ (2. work), and others _____ (3. not be) very successful. When I _____ (4. be) 12 years old, I _____ (5. walk) to school every day. That year, my uncle _____ (6. give) me one of his new inventions—a hat with an umbrella. He _____ (7. call) it his hat umbrella. _____ (8. be) it one of his successful inventions? Let's just say that we _____ (9. not talk) about it in years! Well, that's not completely true. Last year, my uncle _____ (10. wear) one of his hat umbrellas to my graduation. It _____ (11. be) really funny! And after dinner, he _____ (12. give) it to me. I think I'm the only person in the world who _____ (13. receive) two hat umbrellas as gifts!

F Complete each sentence with **for** or **since**.

- Robert got sick two days ago. He has been sick _____ two days.
- Daniel got his new car three weeks ago. He has had his new car _____ three weeks.
- Carlos started to play tennis in 2006. He has played tennis _____ 2006.
- My brother last spoke to his friend two hours ago. He hasn't spoken to him _____ two hours.
- My uncle moved to New York City in 2007. He has lived in New York City _____ 2007.



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G Write a question and two answers for each photo. Use **How long**, **for**, and **since**.

chicken / be / in the microwave / three o'clock // 15 minutes

Q: *How long has the chicken been in the microwave?*

A: *The chicken has been in the microwave since three o'clock.*

A: *The chicken has been in the microwave for 15 minutes.*



1. Tom and Kenneth / use / laptops / four years old // almost their entire lives

Q: _____

A: _____

A: _____



2. Chris / play football / eight years old // seven years

Q: _____

A: _____

A: _____



3. Alex and Sam / play video games / this afternoon // forty minutes

Q: _____

A: _____

A: _____



4. Omar / go / to this dentist / 2006 // many years

Q: _____

A: _____

A: _____



5. Grandma / have / her tea set / get married // over forty years

Q: _____

A: _____

A: _____



H READING



Since the 1700s, people have tried many different ways of traveling over land. They wanted to move more quickly and more comfortably than they could on horseback. Inventors have produced several different kinds of car engines since 1760. First, they tried steam engines. But they were noisy, and the driver had to stop frequently to get more water. Then they tried gasoline engines. The inventor of the modern gasoline-powered automobiles was a German named Karl Benz. He made his first car in 1886. His company later became Mercedes Benz, and it is still making cars today.

Automobile companies have added many improvements to cars over the years. Have you been in a car in rainy or snowy weather? Was it difficult to see the other cars on the road? A hundred years ago, it was almost impossible to drive in bad weather. People had to get out of their cars and wipe the windshields of their cars every few minutes. However, today, we have

windshield wipers. M. Anderson invented the windshield wiper in 1903, and by 1913 almost all American cars had them. And today you can't buy a car without them.

Another invention that has become very popular is the bucket seat. Steve McQueen, a famous American actor, invented this type of seat. McQueen worked on cars and was a race car driver. He needed a seat that was comfortable when his car was going very fast. Have you ever sat in a bucket seat? It's lower than a regular seat, and most people say it's more comfortable. Manufacturers have put bucket seats in cars for over thirty years now.

Auto manufacturers have improved cars. They've added things that make driving easier and more comfortable for drivers. Windshield wipers and bucket seats were only the beginning. Now many cars have GPS devices and even computers to help drivers park. Cars have come a long way in one hundred years!

Write **T** for **True** and **F** for **False**.

1. _____ There have been cars with engines since 1760.
2. _____ The first cars had gasoline engines.
3. _____ Most American cars had windshield wipers in 1903.
4. _____ An actor invented the bucket seat.
5. _____ American cars have had bucket seats since 1913.

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- I** Complete the chart. List inventions that have been important to you. Tell why each one has been important.



What inventions have changed my life?	How have they changed my life?
<i>cell phone</i>	<i>always able to talk to friends</i>



J WRITING

Now write about the inventions you listed in the chart above. Write how each one has made your life better or worse, easier or harder.

These Inventions Have Changed My Life

