

## THE PRESENT PERFECT

Directions: Complete the sentences with the present perfect of the appropriate verb from the box below. Use each verb only once. Include any words in parentheses.

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| <i>cost</i>    | <i>grow</i>  | <i>ride</i>   | <i>swim</i> | <i>drive</i> |
| <i>improve</i> | <i>save</i>  | <i>win</i>    | <i>eat</i>  | <i>know</i>  |
| <i>start</i>   | <i>write</i> | <i>forget</i> | <i>make</i> | <i>mop</i>   |

1. Part A: How about more brownies?  
Part B: No thank you. I'm stuffed. I (already) \_\_\_\_\_ too many.
2. Our baseball team is having a great season. They \_\_\_\_\_ all but one of their games so far this season, and they have a good chance of winning the championship.
3. Maria Jose is expecting an email from me, but I (not) \_\_\_\_\_ to her yet. Maybe I'll call her, instead.
4. Jeff is living in Miami now. His Spanish used to be terrible, but it \_\_\_\_\_ greatly since he moved there.
5. Our baby (not) \_\_\_\_\_ to speak yet. My friend's baby, who is several months older, can already say a few words in English and even a few words in Spanish.
6. Part A: I hear your folks are coming to visit you. Is that why you're cleaning your apartment?  
Part B: Exactly! I (already) \_\_\_\_\_ the floor, but I need to dust the furniture. Would you like to help?
7. Part A: I see that Mickey is a good friend of yours. How long (you) \_\_\_\_\_ him?  
Part B. Since we were in kindergarten.
8. Everybody makes mistakes in life. I \_\_\_\_\_ lots of mistakes in my life. The important thing is to learn from one's mistakes and get better. Right?
9. Part A: I (never) \_\_\_\_\_ on the subways in Washington, D.C. Have you?  
Part B: I've never been in Washington, D.C.
10. Part A: (you, ever) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pacific Ocean?  
Part B: No, only in the Atlantic – when I was in Florida. I even went snorkeling when I was there.
11. Little Gus \_\_\_\_\_ a lot since I last saw him. He's going to be tall just like his father, isn't he?
12. Let's stop at the next motor lodge. We \_\_\_\_\_ 500 miles so far today, and that's enough.

13. Alex spoke Arabic when he lived in Jordan as a young child, but now he \_\_\_\_\_ almost all of his Arabic. He remembers only a few words.
14. Maintaining this old sedan for the past six years \_\_\_\_\_ us much less than we would have spent if we had bought a new hybrid. We \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money by not buying a new hybrid, haven't we?

### **SINCE VS. FOR**

*Directions: Write either **since** or **for** in the blanks.*

1. I haven't seen my sister \_\_\_\_\_ six months. I haven't seen my \_\_\_\_\_ brother since May.
2. My husband and I have moved two times \_\_\_\_\_ we got married.
3. We've lived here \_\_\_\_\_ four years, but we're going to move again soon.
4. The Flanders have lived here \_\_\_\_\_ a long time. They've lived here \_\_\_\_\_ 1985.
5. My sister's husband got a job working with tigers in Thailand. He's been there \_\_\_\_\_ twelve weeks, but he should be coming home soon.
6. The International Olympic Games have continued almost non-stop \_\_\_\_\_ 1896.
7. The world has enjoyed Mozart's music \_\_\_\_\_ more than 200 years.
8. Bill and June have been married \_\_\_\_\_ last summer.
9. The first parts of the Great Wall of China have endured \_\_\_\_\_ a long time. They have endured \_\_\_\_\_ more than 2,200 years.
10. On the whole, Ted hasn't learned much \_\_\_\_\_ the semester began. He needs to study harder.
11. The clock tower on the Hill Valley courthouse hasn't moved \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1955. Nobody has been able to fix the clock \_\_\_\_\_ that time.
12. Brazil won the World Cup in 2002 for the fifth time \_\_\_\_\_ the cup was first awarded in 1930. Soccer is a popular sport there.