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1. Match the phrases with the pictures. Listen, check and repeat.
   - book a ticket
   - go hiking
   - go sightseeing
   - hire a bike
   - pack a rucksack (UK) / backpack (US)
   - plan a route
   - set off on a journey
   - stay at a youth hostel

2. Match the verbs with the nouns.
   1. buy  a. the weather forecast
   2. check  b. foreign food
   3. check in  c. at the hotel
   4. go on  d. a guidebook
   5. take  e. an excursion
   6. try  f. photos

3. When do you do the things in exercises 1 and 2?
   Before travelling:
   On the trip:

4. Write the correct option.
   1. The journey / travel from London to Paris takes about two hours.
   2. We went to the USA on a school trip / travel.
   3. Travel / Journey can be very expensive.
   4. We went on a guided tour / journey around the museum.
   5. The voyage / tour to New York by boat takes a week.

5. In pairs, ask and answer the questions about your holidays.
   1. Have you ever stayed at a youth hostel? Yes, I have, in the Pyrenees.
   2. Where do you usually stay when you go on holiday?
   3. Do you usually take a rucksack when you travel?
   4. Do you like going sightseeing? What do you usually do on holiday?
   5. What’s the longest journey you’ve ever been on?

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1. Answer the questions.
   1. Have you been to the USA? If not, would you like to go?
   2. Which places would you like to see? Why?

2. Read the emails from the USA. Where did Anton …?
   1. go sightseeing
   2. go on a balloon trip
   3. go up a tower
   4. go cycling
   5. stay at a youth hostel
   6. go hiking

3. True or false? Correct the false sentences.
   1. Anton didn’t make any friends at the beginning of the trip.
   2. He saw a lot of trees in Badlands.
   3. He slept on the bus between Badlands and San Francisco.
   4. They spent a couple of days in San Francisco.
   5. He saw the Grand Canyon before he wrote the last email.
   6. When he wrote his last email, he didn’t have a ticket to go home.

4. Match the words with the definitions.
   - canyon
   - coast
   - forest
   - harbour
   - hill
   - ocean

   1. It’s like a mountain, but smaller.
   2. A lot of trees in one place.
   3. A huge area of salt water.
   4. A place where ships and boats can stay when they are not at sea.
   5. The place where the land meets the sea.
   6. A long, deep area, cut into the land by a river.

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Greetings from the USA!
Hi everybody! We set off from New York two days ago. I was a bit nervous at first, but I’ve already made friends with a girl from Spain. Yesterday we were in the Allegheny Mountains and today we’re in Chicago. We’ve just been up the Willis Tower to get a view of the city. Amazing!

Getting ready for home
Hi! I’m writing to you from Badlands National Park. It’s full of eerie hills and it looks a bit like the surface of the moon. We arrived this morning and we’ve just been hiking. Tomorrow we’re going to the West Coast. It’s going to be a long journey! By the way, have you received my postcard yet?

I love this city!
Hi again! Here I am in San Francisco. Today I’ve been sightseeing. I’ve visited the harbour, but I haven’t been to the Golden Gate Bridge yet. I’m going to see it tomorrow. I wanted to swim, but the Pacific Ocean is freezing! This evening Sonia and I are going to eat out in Chinatown. We’re staying at a youth hostel – great after eight nights on the bus!
Present perfect with just

We’ve just been up the Willis Tower.
I’ve just been hiking.

1 Complete with the verbs in the present perfect and just. Where are Anton and his friends?

- buy • eat • go • see • take • walk

1 Some of my friends have just seen a baseball game.
2 Others … on an excursion to Universal Studios.
3 Sonia … a T-shirt on Rodeo Drive.
4 Oliver … a hamburger at a restaurant in Beverly Hills.
5 Scott and I … along the Walk of Fame.
6 I … a photo of the Hollywood sign.

2 Choose a place in your country. Write six sentences with just.

I’ve just seen a game of cricket.

3 Tell your partner. Can he or she guess where it is?

I think you are in … .

already and yet 

I’ve already made some friends.
I haven’t been to the Golden Gate Bridge yet.

Have you received my postcard yet?

4 Write the correct option.

1 already

Hi,
I’m back in New York again. I’ve already found a place to stay. I haven’t been up the Empire State Building yet, so I’m going there this afternoon. After that, I’m going to Central Park. I’ve already been there, but I want to go again. I haven’t done any rollerblading yet! I feel a bit bad, because I haven’t been to any big museums yet. Everybody says the Museum of Modern Art is great, but I’ve already seen so much art in other places, and I don’t really like modern art anyway! Most of my new friends have already left, so I’m here alone. I don’t want to go home yet, but I’m looking forward to seeing you all.

Anton

5 Make sentences that are true for you with already or yet.

1 go abroad
   I’ve already been abroad.
2 fly on a plane
3 travel on a high-speed train
4 have a holiday without my parents
5 plan my next holiday
6 have a job
7 decide what to do after school
8 meet the girl / boy of my dreams

6 Complete with the verbs in the present perfect and just, already or yet. Then listen and check.

A So, are you having a good time?
B Yes, I’ve already been to a lot of places.
A … (you / visit the Grand Canyon)?
B Yes, I’ve come from there. But I haven’t been to Boston.
A Well, you should go. John’s son … (get back) from there and he says it’s great.
B I know, Dad. You’ve told me twice.

Pronunciation

Vowel sound: /ɔː/

already abroad walk saw tall call all

Listen and repeat the words.

Write six questions with the present perfect and yet. Use these ideas to help you.

- join a gym / library • learn to ride a motorbike
- open a bank account • read a book in English
- try Chinese food • use a credit card

Have you used a credit card yet?

Ask a partner the questions. Answer with just, already and yet.

Marc hasn’t used a credit card yet.

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British English

1. Match the objects with the pictures.

- film • football • lift • pavement • rubbish • trousers

2. Juliette and Josh

- language • people • sports • weather

American English

2. Copy and complete the table of British and American English words. Listen, check and repeat.

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3. Complete with American English.

1. Last year I went on ... to Germany.
2. I usually play ... in the afternoon.
3. My sister bought some new ... for running.
4. There's too much ... on the streets.
5. I want to see the new Brad Pitt ....
6. Have you ever travelled on the ...?
7. The hotel reception is on the ....
8. I've lost my ... Can you tell me your number again?

4. Write the correct option.

1. Juliette is on vacation / an exchange programme.
2. She's staying with her friends / parents' friends.
3. She says that Britain and the USA are very different / similar.
4. She takes Josh into a department store / lift.
5. She jokes about Josh's trousers / accent.
6. She thinks British people are rude / polite.
Present perfect with for and since

I've been here for about six months. My parents have known them since 2005. Since I've been in the USA, my English has improved.

1 Complete with for or since.

1 Juliette’s studied in England for six months.
2 Her high school has organized academic exchange programmes since 2001.
3 Her parents haven’t phoned her since a week.
4 She hasn’t been back to the USA since Christmas.
5 Josh and Juliette haven’t known each other for a long time.
6 Juliette’s wanted to come to England since she was twelve years old.

2 Complete with the present perfect of the verbs and for or since.

I’m on an exchange programme, too. I’ve been here for six months with my brother. We haven’t (not have) the same experience as Juliette. She (not find) many differences here, but for since we arrived, we (spend) a lot of time trying to understand English customs. Now we know more. Life (become) easier for since we started to say ‘sorry’ more often!

3 Judy’s an American on holiday in Spain. Complete the dialogue. Then listen and check.

A How long have you been (you / be) in Spain?
B For about three weeks now.
A (you / visit) Spain before?
B No, this is the first time. I’m here to learn Spanish and see the country.
A How long (you / want) to learn Spanish?
B Since I met some Spanish people in Los Angeles.
A (you / find) a lot of differences between here and Los Angeles?
B The food’s better here. I (eat) lots of seafood since I arrived.
A (you / go) sightseeing yet?
B No, but I hope to go to the Prado this afternoon.

4 Complete the email with the verbs in the present perfect or past simple and for, since or yet.

Hi Marc,

Guess what? I met an American girl at a friend’s birthday party two days ago. Her name’s Judy and she’s on holiday in Spain. She (not learn) much Spanish … three weeks, but she has (eat) lots of seafood since she arrived. Then she (go) sightseeing everywhere by bus and train. She in Barcelona last month and then to Oviedo in the north of Spain. And then she went to parts of Spain that I don’t know at all.11 … I met her, I (want) to see more of my country too. Maybe we can go somewhere together. We’re getting on really well!

Andrea

5 An American is visiting your town/city. Write six questions to ask him/her with how long and present perfect questions.

How long have you …?
Have you visited …?

6 In pairs, role play the conversation. Then swap roles and repeat.

A How long have you been here?
B I’ve been here for ….
1.34 Listen and repeat the sentences.

Complete the dialogues with these phrases.

1. I'm sorry. I was really hungry.
2. It wasn't my fault. The bus broke down.
3. It was an accident.
4. Don't worry.
5. All right, I've just arrived, too.
6. It's OK, really.

1.35 Listen to the dialogues. In which dialogue does this happen to Danny?

1. He gets drink on his T-shirt.
2. He eats somebody else's food.
3. He arrives late.
4. He offers to make some food.
5. He says that the situation isn't a problem.
6. He says that he had transport problems.

1.36 Listen to three dialogues. Match one dialogue with the picture.

1. Elaine
   That was my lunch!
2. Danny
   I'm sorry. I was really hungry.
3. Elaine
   What am I going to eat now?
4. Danny
   I'm sorry.

1.37 Complete the dialogues.

1. Barry
   Doris. I've broken this cup.
2. Doris
   That was my favourite! I got it in Ireland!
3. Barry
   Sorry. It wasn't my fault. My brother kicked the ball.
4. Doris
   Do you think you can repair it?
5. Ben
   ... all right, I've just arrived, too.

1.38 In pairs, prepare and practise a dialogue for one of these situations.

1. You walk into somebody and his/her ice-cream falls on the ground. You apologize. He/She doesn't think it's a problem, but you offer to buy another one.
2. You've lost a friend's pen drive. You apologize, but he/she isn't very happy.
3. You arrive an hour late at the cinema. Your friend is waiting and the film's started. You apologize, but he's/she's angry.
4. You forgot your best friend's birthday. You apologize the next day, but your friend is angry. He/She never forgets your birthday.
My news

1 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

   a How often do you write letters/postcards/text messages/emails?
      A How often do you write letters?
      B Never, but I write a lot of emails.
   b Who do you write them to?
   c What do you usually write about?

2 Read the email. What does it include?

   • advice • an apology • congratulations
   • good news • an invitation • questions • thanks

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To: kyle@kmail.com
Subject: Hey!

Hi Kyle,

Thanks for your email, and sorry it’s taken me so long to reply, but I’ve been really busy. I’ve just taken my motorbike driving test and passed! I was expecting it to be easy, but it’s a lot of hard work.

How’s it going? Have you started your part-time job yet? Congratulations, by the way. I hope you like it and you don’t have to work too hard. And I hope they pay you enough! Let me know how it goes. I’m interested in getting a part-time job, too.

Anyway, the reason I’m writing is to invite you to a party on the 16th. As you know, it’s my birthday on the 14th but that’s a school day. I’m celebrating on Saturday and I’ve asked quite a lot of people. I really want to see you again and hear your news, so I hope you can come!

That’s all for now. Speak soon,
Ryan

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Informal expressions

How’s it going?
Congratulations, by the way.
Let me know how it goes.
Anyway, the reason I’m writing is to ….
As you know, it’s my birthday.

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3 Which expression means the following?

   a I nearly forgot to say
   b Tell me
   c I don’t need to tell you
   d How are you?
   e I’m going to change to a new subject now

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4 Complete the email with the expressions.

Hi Maite,

1 … . Have you booked your ticket to Menorca yet? 2 … . I went there last year and had a great time. I’m sure you’ll enjoy it. Thanks for your email, 3 … . and sorry it’s taken me so long to reply. I’ve been really busy organizing a party. Can you come? It’s on Saturday. 4 … if you can come.

5 … ., I have to go. It’s time for dinner.
Ryan

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5 Make notes. Then write an email to a friend.

Give your personal news.

Paragraph 1 Explain why you haven’t replied sooner.
Paragraph 2 Ask about your friend’s news.
Paragraph 3 Invite him/her to do something with you.

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Useful expressions

Thanks for your email.
Sorry it’s taken me so long to reply, but ….
I’ve been really busy.
I hope you like it.
I hope you can come.

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6 Check your work for errors.
1. Answer the questions.
   1. Have you ever read a book in English? If so, what was it called?
   2. Have you read or seen *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?

2. Answer the questions. Read the information and check.
   1. Who was the author of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
   2. When was it written?
   3. Where does Tom Sawyer live?

Tom Sawyer

Everything happened as planned. Between them, the boys had brought plenty of food, which they put into the boat. Controlling the old boat was not easy – sometimes it turned in the wrong direction. But they reached the middle of the river safely and paused to look back at the town for the last time …

At about two o’clock in the morning, they landed on Jackson’s Island. They made a camp just inside the forest, built a big fire and cooked a meal.

‘This is the life for me!’ said Joe happily.

‘It’s great!’ said Tom.

‘It suits me,’ said Huck. ‘I don’t usually get enough to eat.’

‘And we don’t have to go to school or wash,’ said Tom.

‘What do pirates have to do?’ asked Huck.

‘Oh, they take ships and burn them, and get the money and hide it in a hole – usually on an island.’

Their conversation gradually died and their eyes began to close. But strangely enough, they did not sleep at once. They began to feel they might have done wrong to run away. Then they thought of the stolen food. Somehow it was different from taking an apple or a mouthful of jam. They silently decided to steal no more.

3. Read an extract from a chapter of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Then listen and choose the correct chapter title.
   1. Huck Finn
   2. The Promise
   3. A Pirate’s Life
   4. The Return

4. Read again. Answer the questions.
   1. Why was the boat difficult to control?
   2. What time did they arrive at the island?
   3. Does Huck normally eat a lot?
   4. What changes to their daily routine does Tom mention?
   5. Why are the boys on the island?
   6. Did they buy their food?

5. What do you think happens next? Why?
   a. They go home the next morning.
   b. They live on the island for a long time.
   c. Their families find them.

Quest

Which states in the USA does the Mississippi River pass through?
1 Match the pictures with the captions from Anthony’s life.
1 My first pair.
2 Setting off on an adventure.
3 My lucky woollen scarf.
4 Home sweet home.
5 We are the champions!
6 Practice makes perfect music.

2 Add four more words to the vocabulary lists.
Performing arts: ballet, …
Musical instruments: cello, …
Materials: wool, …
Things in a village: signpost, …

3 In pairs, talk about Anthony’s life.
A I think he used to live in a village.
B Yes. And he played …
Dancing to success

1 Match the words to make film titles. Then match with the pictures.
1 Billy a Up
2 Step b Swan
3 Black c Elliot

2 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.
1 Have you seen any of the films?
2 What are they about?
3 Has a film ever had a big impact on you?
A Have you seen ‘Step Up’?
B Yes. It’s really interesting … .

3 Write the verbs in the correct tense. Then listen and check.

Anthony Burns

Anthony Burns, the British dancer and choreographer, was born in the English village of Stone-in-Oxney in Kent in 1989. When he 1 ... (be) at school, he 2 ... (want) to be a professional footballer.

In 2000, while he 3 ... (visit) London on holiday, his mother 4 ... (take) him to the cinema to see the film Billy Elliot. It was while he 5 ... (watch) the film that Anthony 6 ... (decide) to become a dancer.

4 Put the rest of Anthony’s biography in the correct order. Then listen and check.

A He then created his own successful dance group, Burns, and went on a world tour. He was performing in China when he met the music producer Al Fisher. They started working together twelve months ago, creating some of today’s most famous music videos.

B Anthony studied at London’s Royal Ballet School for four years. While he was studying there, he met the singer Millie Watson. They planned a trip around the world together. Six months later they set off on a journey with just two rucksacks. They eventually arrived in the USA.

C Since last April Anthony has directed two Broadway musicals and three music videos. Last month he won three Tony Awards for his work in musical theatre. However, he still hasn’t achieved his main ambition – to win an Oscar.

D While they were staying in New York, Anthony saw the work of the famous choreographer Merce Cunningham. He decided to become a choreographer and work in New York.
5 Write true sentences about Anthony Burns with the present perfect and for, since, just, already or yet.

1 He / want / to be / a dancer / 2000
2 He / know / Millie / they / go / to ballet school
3 He / be / to China
4 Anthony and Al / work / together / one year
5 He / win / a Tony Award
6 He / not achieve / his ambition

8 Correct Anthony’s answers to the questions. Then listen and check.

1 Stone isn’t like a typical English village.
2 I used to play the cello.
3 I used to dance in the streets.
4 You have to be very tall to be a dancer.
5 I love the theatre because every audience is different.
6 I hope to start work on a stage musical.

9 Listen again and complete the sentences.

1 It’s got a church, a pub and a … .
2 There are a lot of … in England.
3 I didn’t … practising.
4 You have to … all day every day.
5 I haven’t made any films … .
6 You’re wearing your lucky … .

10 In pairs, prepare six questions to ask a famous person in an interview.

11 Imagine one of you is a radio presenter and the other is the famous person. Ask and answer the questions.

6 Order the words.

1 the village / what / like / was ?
2 the future / plans / do you have / for / any ?
3 musical / as a child / you / were ?
4 what qualities / do / a dancer / you need / to be ?
5 music / you / theatre / or / prefer / do / videos ?
6 in the streets / dance / like / use to / did / you / Billy ?

7 Listen to the radio interview and put the questions from exercise 6 in order.

12 *Billy Elliot* was originally a film, but it then became a musical. In pairs, make a list of other musicals.

*Les Misérables, … .

13 What film would you like to convert into a musical? Choose a film and write a synopsis of the story. Choose the titles of some songs to include.

14 Present your musical idea to another pair.

*Our musical is *Mockingjay*. It’s about a world in the future where people have to …
You’re a star!

1 Read and do the test.

You are an actor and your first film, a romantic comedy, has made you a millionaire. How will you manage your career in the future?

1 A director asks you to make another romantic comedy. Do you do it?
   a Yes! That’s what I’m good at.
   b No. People will think that’s all I can do.
   c It depends on how much I get paid.

2 Now you have the money to buy a fantastic home. Where do you want to live?
   a In Hollywood, of course!
   b Somewhere in northern Europe. Cold weather helps me concentrate and work harder.
   c I’m not sure. Somewhere beautiful and sunny.

3 A director asks you to play a very ugly person with an unhappy life. Do you do it?
   a No. That would be very bad for my image.
   b Yes. I want to show how versatile I am.
   c I don’t know. I’m not very good at acting.

4 How much do you tell interviewers about your private life?
   a Everything! (But nothing I say is true.)
   b I tell them how strongly I feel about a lot of things, but I don’t tell them about people.
   c I don’t really like giving interviews, but when I do, I answer all the interviewer’s questions.

5 You want to show the world what a good person you are. What cause do you support?
   a I donate money to an animals’ home. People love seeing photos of me with lost little cats!
   b Human rights. Now I can show people what terrible injustice there is in the world.
   c The most important cause is the environment.

6 How do you stay fit and healthy?
   a I have a personal fitness trainer who goes everywhere with me. And in winter I go skiing.
   b I run for an hour from five to six o’clock every morning and then do yoga. I never eat meat.
   c I’m lucky. I don’t have to work hard to have a good body. I always look and feel OK.

7 The most famous star in the world asks you to marry him/her. You don’t love him/her. Do you do it?
   a Wow! Yes! That’s the best thing that could happen to me!
   b No! I could only marry someone I really love! And anyway, I don’t have time for love.
   c Marry somebody I don’t love? Are you crazy?

8 How will you celebrate your next birthday?
   a I’ll rent a luxury hotel for 100 of my closest friends and we’ll drink champagne all week!
   b I’ll get up one hour earlier than usual to meditate on the meaning of age.
   c I don’t know. I’ll do something fun, but I haven’t planned anything yet.