

EXERCIȚII DE GRAMATICĂ ENGLEZĂ  
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE- EXERCISES

**I. Put the verbs in italics in the present perfect tense simple:**

1. Peter... *open*... the window. 2. Alice... *clean*... the blackboard. 3. Barbara... *close*... the door. 4. All the students... *learn*... the lesson. 5. They... *study*... the present perfect tense. 6. Kate... *borrow*... an English book from the library. 7. George... *sharpen*... his pencil. 8. Caroline... *type*... some reading passages. 9. The students... *practice*... the forms of irregular verbs. 10. They... *listen*... to the tapes in the language laboratory, too. 11. The map is not on the wall. The teacher... *take*... it with him. 12. The pupils are leaving the classroom... They... *finish*... their school work for today. 13. The books and note-books are not on the desks. The pupils... *put*... them in their school bags. 14. The pupils are not in the classroom. They... *go*... home. 15. The classroom is clean and tidy. The pupil on duty... *clean*... it. 16. Some children are walking in the park now. They want to relax; they... *be*... very busy at school today. 17. Helen is at home, doing her homework for tomorrow. She... *write*... the first exercise. 18. Alan is not hungry now; he... *eat*... a huge dinner. 19. Alice is putting down the receiver. She... *speak*... to her friend Mary. 20. George is closing his exercise book. He... *do*... his homework. 21. Mr. Grant... *leave*... the factory. 22. He... *get*... home in his car. 23. He... *drive*... home in his car. 24. His son Daniel... *play*... football. 25. He... *throw*... the ball through a window. 26. He... *break*... the window. 27. Daniel's father... *come*... home. 28. He... *put*... his car in the garage. 29. His neighbour... *tell*... him about the window. 30. Daniel... *apologize*... to his father.

**II. Make sentences ending in tag-questions to express the ideas below:**

1. Your mother thinks you have paid the telephone bill, but she is not sure. She asks:... . 2. You are sure your desk mate hasn't solved the Maths problem. You say:... . 3. You think it has stopped raining, but you are not sure. You say:... . 4. You don't know if they have shown the football match on television. You want to know about it. 5. You are sure your mother has not bought any bread today. You say to your sister:... . 6. Mister Brown is not sure whether the mechanic has repaired his car, so he asks him:... . 7. You know your father hasn't come home yet. You say to your mother:... . 8. You know the people next door have been there for twenty years.

**III. Use the present perfect and the appropriate adverbs (often, never, before, just, already, yet) to re-express the following:**

1. Dinner is ready! Come and eat, everybody! (*cook*) 2. Do you want another piece of cake? No, thank you. (*have*) 3. I don't know this man. (*meet*) 4. Father can't use his car this week. (*repair*) 5. This part of the country is completely unknown to me. (*be*) 6. My brother goes to a technical college. (*pass the entrance exam*) 7. I can tell you a lot of things about Jane Austen. (*read*) 8. Pauline wrote a letter to me. I have it here. (*receive*) 9. I'm still doing my homework. (*finish*) 10. Alan is not going to read the article. (*read*) 11. Mary is late again but nobody is surprised. (*be late*) 12. I'm going to play this record now. It's very new. (*buy*)

**IV. Fill in the blanks with the present perfect forms of the verbs in italics:**

1. I like *to see* plays at the National Theatre. I ... two plays this winter. 2. Alan *reads* a lot. He ... twelve books this month. 3. Our grandmother *writes* to us regularly. She ... twice this week. 4. Annie loves *to tell* stories. This morning she ... us several funny stories. 5. I always *feel* the cold in winter. I ... the cold a great deal this winter. 6. The mechanic *repairs* our car. He ... our car twice this year. 7. I *lose* my things very often. This week I ... two umbrellas. 8. I usually *drink* milk for breakfast. Today I ... tea. 9. Basil likes *to draw* pictures. He ... a picture of his teacher this afternoon. 10. This author *writes* novels. He ... two novels this year.

**V. Put the verbs in brackets in the present perfect tense:**

1. "Can you give me back the book I lent you last week?" "I'm sorry, I can't. I (*leave*) it at home." 2. "Why are you so tired?" "I (*work*) a lot." 3. You can come and have breakfast. Mary (*lay*) the table. 4. I don't know Angela. I (*not meet*) her. 5. "How is Helen?" "I really don't know. I (*not see*) her." 6. "Who are the main characters in this novel?" "I don't know. I (*not read*) it." 7. "Why don't you put on your sunglasses?" "I (*lose*) them". 8. We know what lessons we have to study for the test. The teacher (*tell*) us. 9. There is no one there. Everybody (*leave*). 10. Don't worry about Christine. She knows there is no meeting today. I (*phone*) her. 11. The talks are coming to an end. They (*reach*) an agreement on most points. 12. "Aren't you going to the seaside any longer?" "No, I (*change*) my mind."

**VI. Answer the following questions using the words in brackets:**

1. Why can't Carmen go to the party? (*catch a cold*) 2. Why can't they get in? (*lose the key*) 3. Why don't you phone him? (*forget his telephone number*) 4. Why is Kate disappointed? (*Liz – not invite her*) 5. Why can't David do it? (*not learn how*) 6. Why isn't Mary at home? (*go to the cinema*) 7. Why can't Mr. Plumb pay the bill? (*lose his wallet*) 8. Why are you worried? (*they- not telephone*) 9. Why can't we eat this food? (*go bad*) 10. Why don't you wear your new dress? (*not iron it*) 11. Why is the teacher angry with you? (*not do my homework*) 12. Why are you walking home? (*miss the bus*)

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### PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS

#### ***I. Re-express the following sentences using FOR + the present perfect continuous:***

1. I started to study English five years ago and I'm still studying it. 2. They started waiting for the bus five minutes ago and they're still waiting. 3. It started to rain four days ago and it's still raining. 4. The Plumbs started decorating their flat a week ago and they're still decorating it. 5. I started standing in the queue five minutes ago and I'm still standing in it. 6. The children started to eat lunch an hour ago and they're still eating it. 7. The boys started football two hours ago and they're still playing. 8. The mechanic started to repair the car four days ago and he's still repairing it. 9. The baby started to cry one hour ago and he's still crying. 10. Tom started reciting the poem ten minutes ago and he's still reciting it. 11. The pupils are writing a paper. They began at eight o'clock. 12. The secretary is typing a report. She started on Monday morning. 13. Mother is cooking. She began early in the morning. 14. We are rehearsing a play. We started at the beginning of the month. 15. They are studying for their exams. They started in April. 16. John is sleeping. He went to bed at three o'clock in the afternoon. 17. The dog is barking. He started when the stranger came in. 18. The Browns are living in Brighton. They went there when they retired. 19. My brother is working on a building-site. He started in 1971. 20. The woodcutter is cutting wood. He started at seven o'clock. 21. The actors are in the middle of their rehearsal. They started it early in the morning. 22. Helen began to write letters at 8.00. It's noon and she's still writing letters. 23. This is the first stage of the Grants' plans for a holiday in Northern Moldavia. They started making plans yesterday afternoon. 24. Ann and Ruth are playing tennis. They began to play at 5.00. It's 6.30 now and they're still playing. 25. Dan likes to sing. He began to sing early this morning and he hasn't stopped all day. 26. Yesterday morning the temperature started dropping. 27. Let them have a break; they started studying for the test at 7 a.m. and it's 10 now. 28. The police search for the lost boy began yesterday and is continuing but so far without result. 29. These are some of the poems selected and we've got to select some more.

#### ***II. Re-express the following using FOR + the last ... + the present perfect continuous:***

1. He began painting pictures three years ago. 2. I began reading an English novel a week ago. 3. They began studying for their exam two months ago. 4. Father began smoking a pipe a year ago. 5. I began cooking my own food a week ago. 6. John began collecting coins four months ago. 7. Mr. Martinson began going to the dentist three weeks ago. 8. The tourists began staying in that hotel five days ago. 9. She began saving money a month ago. 10. We started making plans for our holiday three days ago.

#### ***III. Make comments using the present perfect continuous interrogative:***

1. The fireman *started fighting* the fire early this morning. 2. Peter *started studying* for the test five hours ago. 3. The teacher *started marking* the papers at 8 o'clock this morning. 4. The boys *started working* on this bookcase last month. 5. Helen *started writing* letters two hours ago. 6. The students *started drawing* this map yesterday. 7. That factory *started producing* tractors in 1950. 8. The committee *started discussing* the plans for the new building a month ago. 9. They *started talking* about the weather a quarter of an hour ago. 10. The orchestra *started rehearsing* at three o'clock.

#### ***IV. Fill the blanks with FOR or SINCE. Put the verbs in brackets in the present perfect continuous tense:***

1. The boys (*study*) Algebra ... dinner time. 2. That man (*stand*) at the corner ... five o'clock. 3. The little children (*sleep*) ... eight hours. 4. Father (*read*) the newspaper ... he arrived home. 5. Basil (*stay*) with us ... September. 6. Mr. Brown (*work*) in this office ... he left school. 7. I (*phone*) the doctor ... the last five minutes. 8. Michael is so thirsty that he (*drink*) ... five minutes. 9. They (*talk*) to their teacher ... a long time. 10. Annie (*read*) *War and Peace* ... she went on holiday. 11. Please excuse me my dirty hands. I (*repair*) the car. 12. We call Ann 'butter fingers'. She (*break*) things ever since she was a little girl; that is why. 13. Alice needs a holiday. She (*work*) too hard. 14. Your lips are all blue. What on earth (*you-eat*)? 15. Mind you don't slip on the stairs. I (*wash*) them. 16. He (*work*) all day long; that's why he's gone to bed early. 17. Who (*use*) my pen? It doesn't write properly. 18. I'm now shaking your hand so heartily because (*look forward*) to meeting you. 19. We all have a smile on our faces because we (*listen*) to Paul's jokes.

#### ***V. Answer the following questions ( constantly repeated action):***

1. How long have you been reading in the library? 2. How long have you been taking French lessons? 3. How long have you been sending your friend postcards? 4. How long have you been riding a bicycle? 5. How long have you been asking your brother to keep this room tidy? 6. How long have you been wearing a uniform? 7. How long have you been going camping. 8. How long has the teacher been telling your deskmate to keep quiet? 9. How long have you been writing poems? 10. How long have you been doing morning exercises? 11. Why have you got a camera in your hand? 12. Why are your hands dirty. 13. Why is Peter out-of-breath? 14. Why are they wearing tennis-shoes? 15. Why has mother got flour on her hands. 16. Why are you feeling tired? 17. Why has grandfather got his glasses on? 18. Why are the pavements wet? 19. Why have you spent all your money?

## EXERCIȚII DE GRAMATICĂ ENGLEZĂ

### PRESENT PERFECT AND PAST TENSE

#### **I. Fill in the blanks with the past tense or present perfect forms of the verbs on the left:**

1. (BE) a) We ... at the theatre two days ago. b) We ... to the circus twice so far. 2. (HAVE) a). The children ... a good time at the school festival last Saturday. b) I ... just ... breakfast. 3. (MAKE) a) They ... an interesting experiment. b) We ... a lot of puppet show when we were in the 8<sup>th</sup> form. 4. (TAKE) a) I ... an umbrella with me. b) It ... John one hour to get to the centre of the city last night. 5. (DO) a) The earthquake ... a lot of damage to the buildings. b) The trip to the mountains last summer ... the children a lot of good. 6. (COME) a) My parents ... to Bucharest in 1960. b) Everyone ... to the meeting. 7. (BE) Alice ... ill three times *last year*. She ... ill three times *this year*, too. 8. (SPEND) We ... our holiday at the seaside *this summer*. *Last summer* ... our holiday in the mountains. 9. (PHONE) Mary ... her friends *this afternoon*. She ... them between *two and four*. 10. (LISTEN) I last ... to this song *a month ago*. I ... not ... to it *this month*. 11. (ASK) The pupils ... the teacher a lot of questions *this morning*. They also ... a lot of questions *yesterday morning*. 12. (DO) We ... a lot of work at school *last term*. We ... a lot of work this term, too. 13. (RING UP) It's ten o'clock in the morning. I ... Mary ... twice *this morning*. It's one o'clock in the afternoon. I ... Mary ... twice *this morning*. 14. (READ) I first ... this novel *three years ago*. I ... it again *during my last holiday*. *This week* my sister ... it. 15. (GIVE) The English teacher ... us two tests *this month*. He ... the first test *two weeks ago*. He ... the second *yesterday*. 16. (EXAMINE) The doctor .... A lot of patients *today*. *Yesterday* he ... fewer patients. 17. (LEARN) Peter to swim in *July*. I ... to swim *this month*.

#### **II. Answer these questions. Use the present perfect or past tense as required by the words in brackets.**

1. Has the film began? (*not yet*) 2. Have you have dinner? (*half on hour ago*) 3. Has the plane landed? (*just*) 4. Have you joined the literary club? (*in October*) 5. Have you had a written test? (*last week*) 6. Have you ever ridden a bicycle? (*never*) 7. Have you seen her recently? (*no- since we were children*) 8. Have they visited the factory? (*when they were on holiday*) 9. Have you written to him? (*not- for years*) 10. Has he sold his car? (*after he was in hospital*) 11. Have you talked to her? (*at five o'clock*)

#### **III. Put the verbs in brackets in the past tense simple or the present perfect simple.**

A. 1. I (live) in this city all my life. My parents (*come*) here when they were very young. 2. It (*rain*) very much in this region in the spring, but it (*not rain*) much ever since. 3. We (*see*) the famous Heroes' Monument several times so far. The last time we (see) it was two weeks ago. 4. Mr. Martin (*teach*) English from three o'clock to six o'clock. He's not longer in the school. He (leave) half on hour ago. 5. We (have) a test almost every day this week. We (have) the first test on Mandy morning. 6. The weather (*be*) terrible ever since last Sunday. It (*rain*) every day this week. 7. The plumber (*be*) here for the past two weeks. He (*repair*) the radiators in all the rooms. 8. We (*learn*) a great deal of English since we (*come*) to this school. 9. Our grandmother (*be*) with us for the last three months. She (*go*) away this morning. Mother (*help*) her with her packing before she left. 10. I (*read*) many books on cooking and now I can cook a lot of dishes. 11. Mr. Grant (*have*) a car for years but he (*never drive*) at night. 12. Mary (*make*) a lot of friends recently. 13. Tom always (*play*) in the park in front of his house when he was young. 14. Mr. Plumb (*have*) a lot of trouble with his car lately. He (*repair*) it twice so far.

B.1. "You (*meet*) Ann?" "Yes, we (*meet*) at the school festival two weeks ago." 2. Mr. Barton is not here. He (*go*) out of town for the weekend. 3. This famous writer (*write*) several novels and last year he (*write*) a successful play. 4. The guests (*have*) a good time ever since their arrival. They (*arrive*) by plane three days ago. 5. The students (*start*) the exercise at 8<sup>th</sup> o'clock. They (*not finish*) it yet 6. I (*take*) a lot of photograph this holiday but they are not as good as those I (*take*) last holiday. 7. Margaret (*buy*) a pretty dress for her birthday party. She (*buy*) it at the "Unirea" department store. 8. My friend Michel is in hospital because he (*break*) it two weeks ago in a car accident. 9. I'm sorry . I (*forget*) his telephone number. 10. I (*read*) nearly all Ivasiuc's novels. Last week I (*start*) to read 'The water' and I nearly (*finish*) it now. During the winter holiday I (*read*) 'The Birds.' 11. Up to now I (*understand*) every lesson in the book. 12. No one (*find*) Barbara's glasses yet. She (*lose*) them during the Physical Education lesson. 13. We (*receive*) his telegram at six o'clock yesterday. We (*already, send*) him a special delivery reply. 14. I (*pay*) the telephone bill at the beginning of the month. 15. Grandfather (*never, fly*) in a plane before. This month he (fly) twice. 16. Mr. Martin is my English teacher. He (teach) in our school for five years. He (graduate) from the University in 1980.

C. **George:** What were your holidays like?/ **Tony:** Super. I (*go*) to the seaside./ **George:** Did, you? **Tony:** Yes. I (*just come*) back. I(*come*) back last night, as a matter of fact./ **George:** Aren't you lucky? I (*not be*) anywhere this holiday. How long ... you (stay) at the seaside?/ **Tony:** I (*spend*) nearly two weeks there./ **George:** ... you (*go*) to the beach every day? /**Tony:** Yes, I did. It only (*rain*) once or twice during my whole stay. Once it (*catch*) me swimming in the water./**George:** You, (*just, learn*) to swim, haven't you? /**Tony:** That's right. Will, I think I (*improve*) a lot. What about you?/ **George:** Well, the weather (*be*) awful here. As a matter of fact, today is the first day we (*have*) any sun. So I (*not be*) very lucky.