

I. Grammar: present perfect simple, present perfect continuous, present perfect vs past

A) Discuss the difference in meaning:

1. My hands are dirty; I have been repairing the car.

The car is OK now; I have repaired it.

2. Joe has been eating too much recently. He is getting overweight.

Joe is always eating all my chocolates.

Somebody has eaten all my chocolates. The box is empty.

Joe ate all my chocolates last night. I am really upset.

3. I am reading a book about the French Revolution.

How long have you been reading that book?

How much of that book have you read?

4. They have been playing tennis since the morning.

They have played tennis three times this week.

B) Put the verb into the correct form:

1. Sorry I'm late. That's OK(I/not/wait) long.

2. You see Joe fishing by the river. You ask:(catch/any fish)?

3. I(read) the book you lent me, but I(I/not/finish) it yet. It is very interesting.

4. Do you go to the cinema a lot? No, I(not/be) for ages.

5. I(have) pain in my stomach all day.

6. Tom always wears the same old jacket. How long(he/have) that jacket.

7. How long (you/study) at the FI? When(you/start)?

8. What do you think of my English? Do you think(it/improve)?

9. Where's my bike? It(be) outside my house, but it is not there now.

10. How many plays(Shakespeare/write)?

11. Mary isn't at home. She(go) to Italy for holiday-

12. Ow! I(cut) my finger. Look, it(bleed).

13. A: Where do you live? B: In Boston.

A: How long.....(you/live) there? B: 5 years.

A: Where(you/live) before that? B: In Chicago.

A: And how long(you live) in Chicago? B: 2 years.

14. My grandfather(die) before I was born. I.....(never/meet) him.

15. I(not/read) a newspaper yesterday and I(not/read) one today either.

C) Ask each other about something you haven't done today.

didn't do yesterday.

did last night.

haven't done recently.

have done a lot recently.

2. Grammar: Modal Verbs

Match the sentences on the left to the ones on the right closest in meaning.

I can't help you find accommodation.

It's not my responsibility to help you.

I don't have to help you to find accommodation.

I'm unwilling to help you.

I'm unable to help you.

I won't help you to find accommodation.

She can't be joking.

I'm sure she is.

She can't tell jokes.

I'm sure she isn't.

She must be joking.

She isn't allowed to.

She mustn't tell jokes.

She's no good at it.

You can't leave now.

It's not a good idea to go.

You could leave now.

I won't let you go.

You don't have to leave now.

It's unnecessary to go.

You needn't leave now.

It would be possible to go.

You shouldn't leave now.