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| **SIGNAL WORDS** | |
| **PRESENT SIMPLE** | **PRESENT CONTINUOUS** |
| **always, never**  **often, sometimes**  **from time to time**  **seldom, rarely**  **usually, regularly**  **every day (week, year)** | **at the moment**  **at this moment**  **right now**  **currently = nowadays**  **Look!**  **Listen!** |

**Choose the present simple or the present continuous - it could be positive, negative or question**

1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/come) tonight?

2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he/eat) rice every day?

3) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the moment.

4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he/come) to London often?

5) He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis now.

6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/come) to the cinema later?

7) They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/come) to the party tomorrow.

8) He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/play) golf now.

9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/play) tennis this Sunday?

10) They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a restaurant every Saturday.

11) She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) to the cinema very often.

12) You usually \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) late.

13) He normally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (eat) dinner at home.

14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you/study) every night?

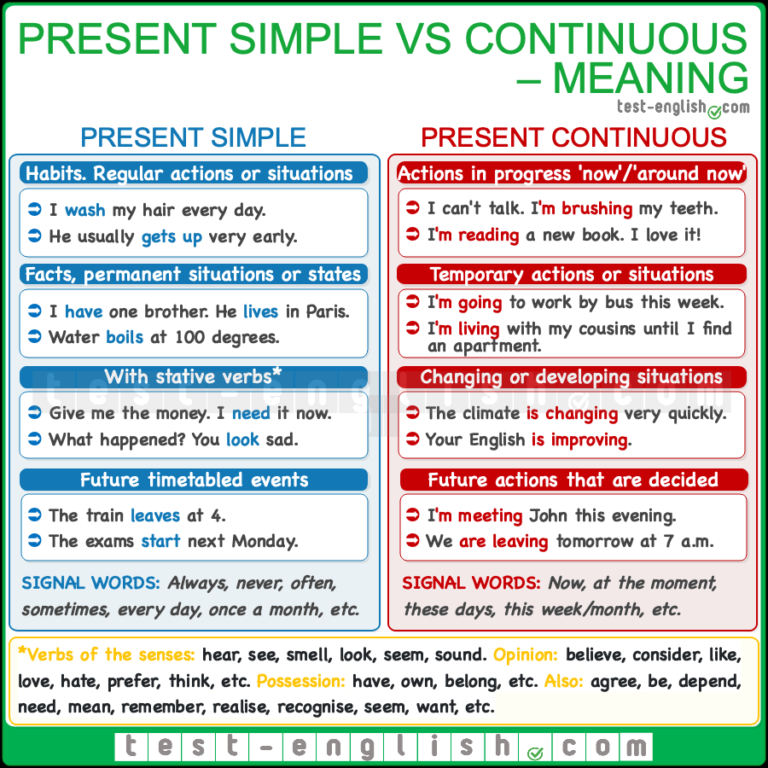
15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (they/work) late usually?

16) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(not/work) tonight.

17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (she/work) at the moment?

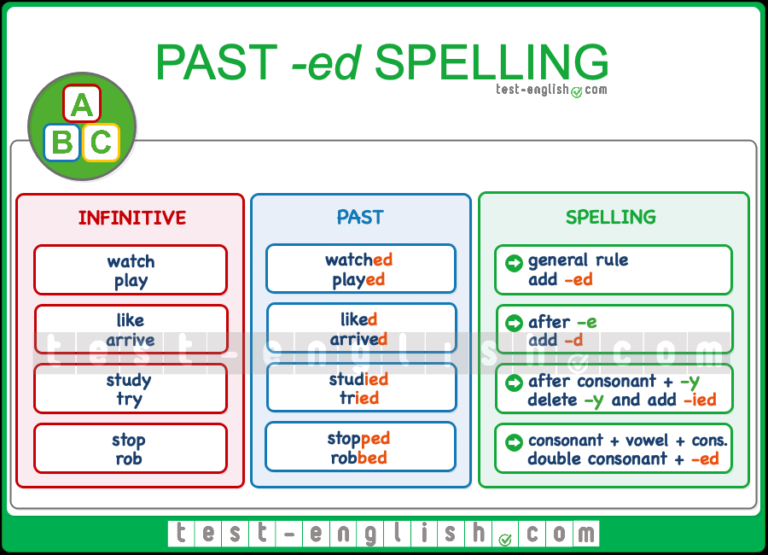
18) I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not/drink) coffee very often.

19) Julie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) now.



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| 1. What is he doing? He at his desk. (**sit**) 2. Listen, someone at the door. (**knock**) 3. On my way home I usually to drink a cup of coffee. (**stop**) 4. Architects plans of the buildings. (**make**) 5. Look at Betty: she the piano. (**play**) 6. At this moment I my pupils' exercises. (**correct**) 7. Where are you? I my lessons in the study. (**prepare**) 8. She a lot of money. (**earn**)  9. Chris near the table. (**stand**) 10. We often tea for breakfast. (**take**) 11. William to our workshop on Mondays. (**come**) 12. Let's wait a moment still. Tom soon. (**come**) 13. I must run home, mother for me. (**wait**) | 14. The telephone often during supper. (**ring**) 15. Stephen a cigarette now. (**smoke**) 16. It hard at the moment. (**snow**) 17. I always to my office early. (**go**) 18. Two and two four. (**make**) 19. What are you doing here? I for my book. (**look**) 20. It in autumn. (**rain**) 21. Look, a man across the street. (**run**) 22. Listen: Sting ! (**sing**) 23. Henry's letters by air mail. (**come**) 24. We many roads nowadays. (**build**) 25. They usually the ten o'clock bus. (**catch**) |

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|  | SIGNAL WORDS  **yesterday**  **last week (year)**  **10 days ago**  **20 minutes ago**  **in 2015**  **when**  The Simple Past is **used for actions that started and finished at a specific time in the past**. |



**Make the past simple: positive, negative or question.**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / drink) any beer last night.

2. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city 2 minutes ago.

3. What time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he / get up) yesterday?

4. Where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / get off) the train?

5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / change) trains at Victoria.

6. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (wake up) very late.

7. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he / give) his mother for Christmas?

8. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (receive) £300 when my uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (die).

9. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / use) the computer last night.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (she / make) good coffee?

11. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Paris 5 years ago.

12. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (read) the newspaper yesterday.

13. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / watch) TV yesterday.

14. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not / study) for the exam.

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he / call) you?

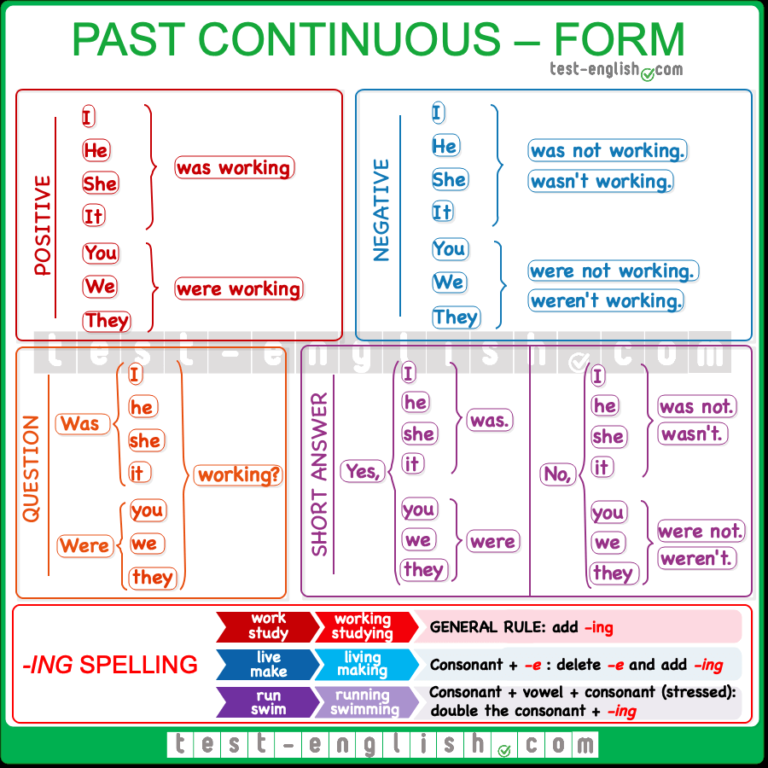
16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (I / forget) something?

17. What time \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the film / start)?

18. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) a shower.

19. Why \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (you / come)?

20. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (he / go) to the party?



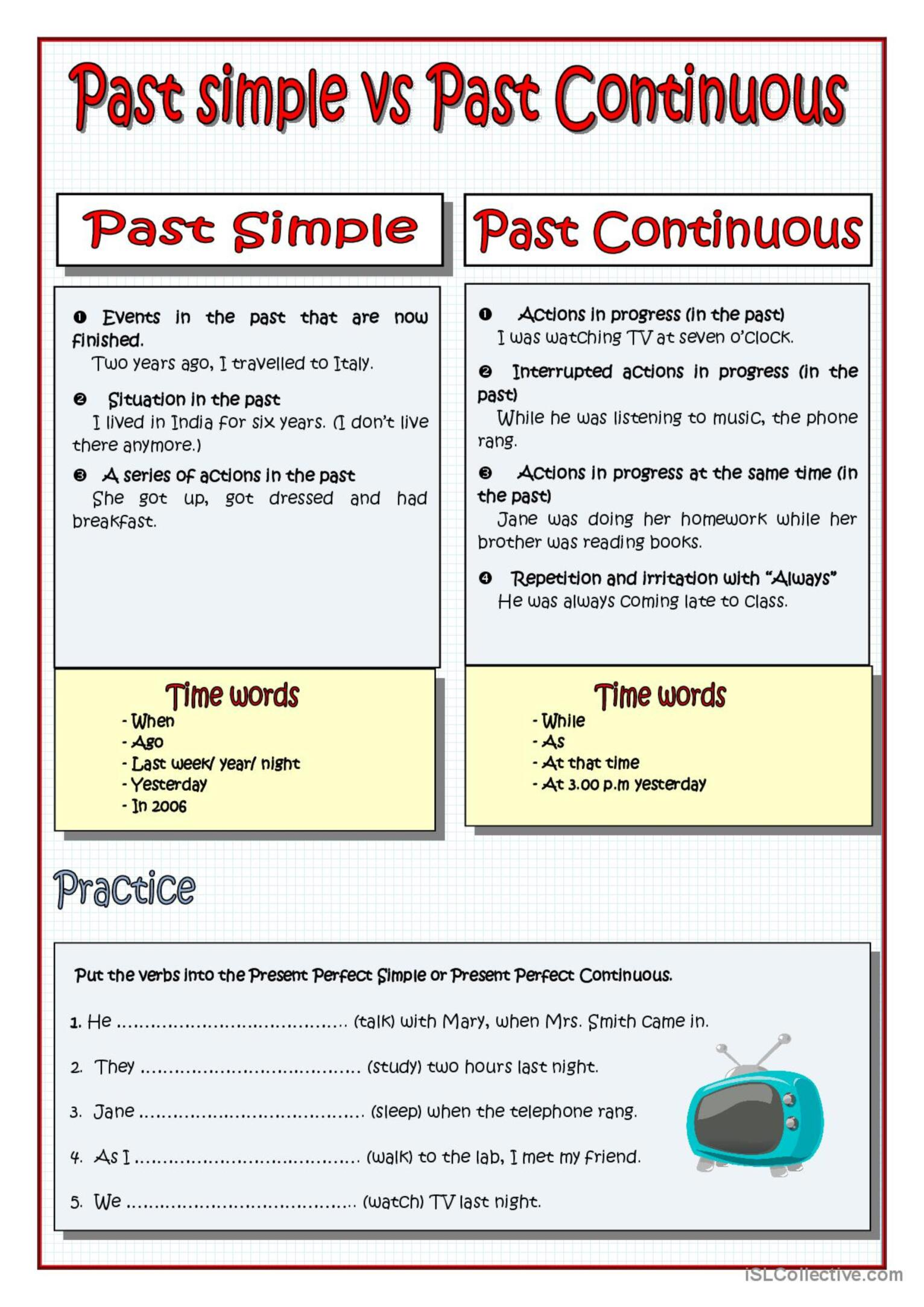
Use the past continuous tense to show a past action that has been interrupted or a habitual action that no longer occurs. You can also use it to emphasize the duration of time an action took or to set the background for a story.

SIGNAL WORDS: Yesterday at 7 o’clock I was watching a film.

We were playing football from 5 till 7 yesterday.

I was translating the text for (during) 30 minutes.

We were enjoying the party the whole evening.



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|  | Present perfect tense is used to describe an action that has taken place in the past but has a connection with the present. We do not specify the exact time that the action had taken place in when using this tense.  **SIGNAL WORDS of PRESENT PERFECT**  **ever**  **never**  **just**  **already**  **not yet**  **so far**  **lately**  **recently**  **once, several times**  **this year (week)**  **since, for** |

**Choose the correct verb from the list below to complete the following sentences. Put the verb in the present prefect tense.**

***take / work / find / see / speak / know / begin***

***do / learn / eat / have / write / give / live / buy / be***

1. I met Barbara when we were in elementary school. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each other for over

twenty years.

2. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many new words since we started this course.

3. That’s a wonderful movie. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it three times.

4. Mr. and Mrs. Tonner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ married for 10 years.

5. You are late! The class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Robert is my neighbour. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ next door to me for five years.

7. Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ several letters to her parents since she left home.

8. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in that restaurant several times.

9. Our teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us a lot of help with the homework assignment.

10. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to her landlord many times about the broken window.

11.We have a new camera. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some beautiful pictures of the grandchildren.

12. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all their homework already.

13. Mrs. Baxter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all her groceries for the week.

14.Tommy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bad cold for two weeks.

15. Frank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for that company for many years.

16. After three months of looking, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful apartment to rent.

**Rewrite the following sentences using since or for and the verb provided. You may have to change some of the words, but keep the same meaning.**

Example: ***Bill and Rita got married twenty years ago.***

**Bill and Rita have been married for twenty years. (be)**

1. Jordan moved into this apartment in 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (live)

2. Ellen and Rose met each other 40 years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know)

3. The teacher came to school at 8:00 this morning.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be)

4. Robbie grew a beard six months ago.

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5. Dennis bought his car four years ago.

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6. Maria started to wear glasses when she was five years old.

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7. David fell in love with Patricia when they were teenagers.

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8. Mark started to work at the bank three years ago.

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9. Sam learned how to swim three years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (know)