

## Grammar

### Practice A

Complete the sentences with the present perfect of the verb *be*.

1. Sue and Lin met at the university four years ago. They have been friends for four years.
2. Lin married Steve last April. She \_\_\_\_\_ married since April.
3. Lin and Steve bought a new home last June. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the new house since June.
4. Life \_\_\_\_\_ very good for them since they got married.
5. Sue works part-time in a lab. She \_\_\_\_\_ a chemist for ten months now.
6. Sue also moved to a new apartment with her sister this month. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the apartment for only three weeks.

### Practice B

Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

1. Mark and Yolanda have been married for 22 years.
2. They have been at the same address \_\_\_\_\_ 1999.
3. Yolanda has been a teacher \_\_\_\_\_ 1990.
4. Mark has been a salesman \_\_\_\_\_ 25 years.
5. He has been with the same company \_\_\_\_\_ 1995.
6. Now Mark is in Texas on a business trip. He has been there \_\_\_\_\_ last Monday.
7. Mark has been on four business trips \_\_\_\_\_ last June.
8. It's Saturday. Yolanda is at the shopping center. She has been there \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 this morning. She wants to get a birthday present for her son, Clark.
9. Yolanda has been busy \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. She is preparing for Clark's birthday.
10. Right now Clark is at the school gym. He has been there \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 this morning.
11. Clark has been at the gym \_\_\_\_\_ three hours now.
12. He has been on the school basketball team \_\_\_\_\_ a year.

## Practice C

Complete the sentences with the present perfect of the verbs in parentheses.

Belton is a small town. Brad Peltry (live) 1. *has lived* in Belton all his life. Brad is 58 years old. Brad is married. He (be) 2. \_\_\_\_\_ married to Dora for 25 years. They (know) 3. \_\_\_\_\_ each other since high school. Brad and Dora have a son. He is a student at a university in Atlanta. He (study) 4. \_\_\_\_\_ medicine for three years now. Brad owns the grocery store in town. He (own) 5. \_\_\_\_\_ the store for 22 years. He (work) 6. \_\_\_\_\_ in the store for 22 years, too. Something strange happened this week. Nobody (see) 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Brad for four days. His truck (disappear) 8. \_\_\_\_\_. Dora doesn't know where he is. Dora (be) 9. \_\_\_\_\_ worried. Brad (have) 10. \_\_\_\_\_ money problems lately.

## Reading

A. Read the text.

### Clean Water for All

In 1998, Ryan Hreljac (pronounced HURL-jack) was six years old. One day at school, he learned that thousands of children die every day because they have only dirty water to drink. He was shocked by the news. So he decided to raise money for a **well** in an African village.

Ryan, a Canadian, did extra **chores** to earn money. He sometimes had to wash windows or clean the house while his brothers played outside. After a few months, he met his goal of raising \$70. But he found out that he needed to raise \$2,000 to build a well. It was difficult, but after a few months, Ryan raised enough money to build a well next to Angolo Primary School in Uganda.

After that experience, Ryan wanted to continue to raise money to build wells in developing countries. In 2001, he started an organization called Ryan's Well Foundation.

Brian is now a young man, and he has **devoted** his life to helping people around the world get clean, safe drinking water. Since 1998, Ryan has helped raise over \$1.5 million and has completed more than 250 water and **sanitation** projects. Ryan's story shows us that anyone, even a six-year-old boy, can find a way to make a dream come true.

- Glossary:**
- well (n.)** a deep hole in the ground from which you can get water, oil, or gas (แหล่งน้ำ, บ่อน้ำ)
  - chore (n.)** the everyday work around a house (งานบ้าน)
  - devote (v.) to dedicate** (อุทิศ)
  - sanitation (n.)** conditions and processes relating to people's health, especially the systems that supply water and deal with human waste (สุขาภิบาล, สุขอนามัย)

**B.** Answer the questions.

1. What was Ryan Hreljac's first goal?

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2. How did he achieve his first goal?

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3. Where was Ryan's first well?

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4. How much money has Ryan raised since 2001?

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5. What can people learn from Ryan's experience?

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**C.** Read the text.

## Walking around the World

It's safe to say that Polly Letofsky has walked further than you have. Five years ago, Polly started to walk around the world. She was 37 years old. So far, she has walked 13,901 miles (22,371 kilometers) across four **continents**. Today she arrived back in the United States, and next week she will arrive back home in Colorado.

Why has Polly spent five years walking around the world? Her aunt died of breast **cancer**, and Polly wanted to raise money for cancer research. So far, she has raised over \$200,000. Along the way, Polly has walked through 22 countries altogether, including India, China, and Malaysia. She has worn out 29 pairs of shoes, and she has never taken a "sick day" to rest. But next week, Polly will have plenty of time to put her feet up and relax. "I've **achieved** my **goal**," Polly said yesterday. "I've helped people."

- Glossary:**
- continent (n.)** one of the very large areas of land on Earth that are usually divided into several countries (ทวีป)
  - cancer (n.)** a serious illness caused by a group of cells in the body increasing in an uncontrolled way. (โรคมะเร็ง)
  - achieve (v.)** to succeed in doing or having what you planned or intended, usually after a lot of effort (ประสบผลสำเร็จ)
  - goal (n.)** something that you hope to achieve (จุดมุ่งหมาย, เป้าหมาย)

**D.** Use the words provided to write sentences about the text.

1. return / Polly / today / to the United States

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2. for cancer research / she / five years / raising money / spend

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3. she / as of today / India, China, and 20 other countries / walk through

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4. use / she / 29 pairs / of shoes

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