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## Passions and fashions

Present perfect – simple, continuous, passive • Things I'm passionate about •  
Making the right noises

 **Baseball**

### Answers

1. was	4. did	7. did	10. have
2. did, was	5. was	8. has	11. has
3. was	6. has	9. have	12. have

### Audio script



See SB p. 51.

Answers and audio script.



- A: Where and when was she born?  
B: She was born near Bristol, in England, in 1965.
- A: When did she write her first story? What was it about?  
B: She wrote her first story when she was six. It was about a rabbit with measles.
- A: What was she doing when she had the idea for Harry Potter?  
B: She was traveling by train between Manchester and London.
- A: Where did she teach English?  
B: In Portugal.
- A: When was the first Harry Potter book published?  
B: In 1997.
- A: How long has she been writing the books?  
B: Since 1990.
- A: How many did she write?  
B: Seven.
- A: How many children has she had?  
B: Three.
- A: How many Harry Potter books have been sold?  
B: Over 500 million copies.
- A: Which books have been made into movies?  
B: All of them.
- A: How much money has she made?  
B: She's made over one billion dollars.
- A: How many authors have become billionaires?  
B: Only one—her.

Answers

*She lives in Scotland.* (Simple Present used for a fact that is true now.)

*She lived in Portugal for three years.* (Simple Past used for a finished action in the past.)

*She's lived in Scotland since 1993.* (Present Perfect used for an action that began in the past and still continues in the present.)

*She's lived in England, Portugal, and Scotland.* (Present Perfect used for an experience that happened at some time in the past.)

**Answers**

*How long has she been writing books?* asks about the activity.

*How many has she written?* asks about the quantity.

**Answers**

Her books have been translated into 68 languages.

500 million copies of her books have been sold.

All of the books have been made into movies.

## Answers and audio script

### Answers

1. have you been: Since he was about five. His mom read them to him.
2. have you read: All of them except one, *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince*.
3. did you: All of them except *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince*.
4. Have you seen: Did you: Yes, all of them and he liked all of them.
5. have been sold: Maybe 20 million. (This is Jack's guess; the real figure is 500 million.)
6. do you know: It's J.K. Rowling, and she has two children. (This is Jack's guess; she actually has three children.)
7. Have ... read: Yes, all of them.
8. have you been playing: Since he could walk.
9. Play soccer.



I = Interviewer J = Jack

### Jack, aged 10, talks about Harry Potter

- I: So, Jack, I know you love Harry Potter. How long have you been a fan of the books?
- J: I think since I was about five, but I was so small I couldn't read yet and my mom read them to me.
- I: How many of the books have you read?
- J: I've read them all—well, not all, exactly.
- I: What do you mean?
- J: Well, I didn't like *Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince*, so I didn't finish it.
- I: Which did you like best?
- J: I liked all the others but not that one. It was boring because it was just like the one before.
- I: Have you seen any of the Harry Potter movies?
- J: Yes, I have.
- I: Which have you seen?
- J: I've seen them all, every one.
- I: And did you like them all?
- J: Yes, I did. I thought they were fantastic, but my brother didn't. He got scared. He didn't like *The Chamber of Secrets*, the part where the Basilisk ...

- 1 The what?
- 1 The Basilisk. It's kind of a huge snake, and it attacked Harry Potter.
- 1 Oh, I bet a lot of children were frightened by it.
- 1 I wasn't.
- 1 Jack, do you have any idea how many Harry Potter books have been sold in the world?
- 1 Um---I dunno. Um---millions, maybe 20 million.
- 1 Um---not really. It's 500 million.
- 1 500 million. Wow! That's a lot of books.
- 1 And what do you know about the author?
- 1 I know it's J.K. Rowling, and she has two children. I wonder if they've read their mom's books.
- 1 She has three children, actually. Have a lot of your friends read the books?
- 1 Yes, every single one.
- 1 What *all* your friends?
- 1 Yeah, definitely---all of them.
- 1 That's amazing. Now, I know that in addition to Harry Potter, you have another passion.
- 1 Yeah, soccer.
- 1 And how long have you been playing soccer?
- 1 Since I could walk. I'd rather play soccer than do anything else in the world.
- 1 So, if I asked you---what would you rather do this afternoon? Read Harry Potter or play soccer?
- 1 You know the answer.

#### Answers

1. I lived (Simple Past used for a finished action in the past.)  
I've lived (Present Perfect used for an action that began in the past and still continues in the present.)
2. I work (Simple Present used for a fact that is true in the present.)  
I've worked (Present Perfect used for an action that began in the past and still continues in the present.)

3. **have you been working** (Present Perfect Continuous used for an action that began in the past and is still continuing in the present. The Present Perfect Simple would also be possible here.)  
**have you worked** (Present Perfect Simple for experiences at some time in your life. The Present Perfect Simple is used when saying how many times, places, etc., and expresses completion.)
4. **Have you ever met** (Present Perfect used to ask about an experience at any time in your life.)  
**Did you meet** (Simple Past used to ask about a finished time in the past.)
5. **I've already finished**: (Present Perfect affirmative + *already* to say that something has happened earlier than expected.)  
**I haven't finished yet**: (Present Perfect negative + *yet* to say that something has not happened although we expect it to happen.)
6. **Who's been eating** (Present Perfect Continuous used for an action that began in the past and is still continuing = there are some chocolates left.)  
**Who ate** (Simple Past used for an action completed in the past.)
7. **was shot** (Simple Past passive for a finished action in the past.)  
**'s been shot** (Present Perfect Passive used for an action at an unspecified time in the past.)
8. **How long are you here for?** (Simple Present of *be* to refer to the future.)  
**How long have you been here for?** (Present Perfect used for an action that began in the past and still continues in the present.)

#### Answers and audio script



1. His plane **took off** a few minutes ago.
2. The president **has resigned**, and a new president **has been elected**.
3. I've **been working** in Dubai since last March. When **did you arrive**?
4. How many e-mails **have you sent**?
5. What **have you been doing** in the bathroom? You've **been** in there for ages.
6. A huge snowstorm **has hit** New York.

#### Answers

1. I've just read that book. (= very recently)  
I've already read that book. (= before now/before expected)  
I've never read that book. (= not at any time)
2. I've just been reading an interesting book. (= very recently)
3. Has it just been made into a movie? (= very recently)  
Has it already been made into a movie? (= before now/before expected)  
Has it ever been made into a movie? (= at any time)
4. He's just learned to drive. (= very recently)  
He's already learned to drive. (= before now/before expected)  
He's never learned to drive. (= not at any time)
5. The game hasn't finished yet. (= up to now)
6. Have you just been to Argentina? (= very recently)  
Have you been to Argentina yet? (= up to now; it implies you expect it to happen)  
Have you already been to Argentina? (= before now/before expected)  
Have you ever been to Argentina? (= at any time in your life)

#### Answers and audio script

1. A: How long has Jason Wu been designing clothes?  
B: Since he was about 9.
2. A: How did he learn to sew?  
B: He learned to sew by designing and sewing clothes for dolls.
3. A: Where did he go to college?  
B: At the Parson School of Design. He studied there for three years, but he didn't graduate.
4. A: What different kinds of products has he designed in his career?  
B: He's designed handbags, eyewear, jewelry, scarves, and clothes.
5. A: How many awards has he won?  
B: He's won two awards. He's also been nominated for several others.
6. A: How long has he been designing clothes for celebrities?  
B: Since he was 26. Wu designed First Lady Michelle Obama's dresses that she wore at Barack Obama's inaugural balls in 2009 and 2013.
7. A: How long has he been designing handbags?  
B: Since 2001. His most expensive handbags cost about \$3,000.
8. A: What is he doing these days?  
B: He's still designing clothes and other products.



#### Answers

1. He was born in 1982.
2. He lived in Taiwan until he was 9.
3. He's been designing clothes since he was 9.
4. He lived in Paris for one year.
5. He decided to become a fashion designer while he was living in Paris.
6. He moved to New York when he was 18.
7. He started working for Hugo Boss three years after he won the Swarovski Award.
8. Between 2000 and 2002 he studied at the Parsons School for Design.

#### Answer

The writer admires everything about Uncle Joe.

#### Answers

##### My Crazy Uncle Joe

Of all my relatives, I like my Uncle Joe the best. He's my mother's much younger brother. He was only nine when I was born, so he's been more like a big brother to me than an uncle. He is in his mid-20s now and he is always so fun to be with.

He studied at a drama school in California, and then he moved to New York a year ago to try his luck in the theater. He shares an apartment with three other aspiring actors, and he works as a server and a part-time DJ. He's passionate about his music, it's called House Music, and it's a kind of electronic dance music. When he "deejays," he goes completely wild, waving his arms and yelling at the crowds. His enthusiasm is infectious. He's absolutely great! I'm proud that he's my uncle.

Also, I think he is really good-looking. He's pretty tall with dark hair, and twinkly, dark brown eyes. He's had a lot of girlfriends, but I don't think there is anyone particularly special at the moment. He has a great relationship with his roommates, they are always laughing and joking together. He knows how to have fun, but he's also an extremely caring person. I can talk to him about all kinds of problems that I could not discuss with my parents. He's very understanding of someone my age.



He works hard, and he plays hard. He's had a lot of auditions for various theatrical roles. He hasn't had much luck yet, but I'm sure that one day he'll be a highly successful actor. I think he's really talented, but he says he doesn't want to be rich or famous, he just wants to prove to himself that he's a good actor.

LINK THE KEY WORDS AND PHRASES FROM THE CLASS.

#### Answers

**his physical appearance:** pretty tall with dark hair and twinkly dark brown eyes; really good-looking

**his character:** He is always so fun to be with; absolutely great. He knows how to have fun, but he's also an extremely caring person.

**his past life:** He was only nine when I was born. He studied at a drama school in California, and then he moved to New York a year ago to try his luck in the theater. He's had a lot of girlfriends ... He's had a lot of auditions for various theatrical roles. He hasn't had much luck yet.

**his current lifestyle:** He shares an apartment with three other aspiring actors, and he works as a server and a part-time DJ. He's passionate about his music. When he "deejays," he goes completely wild, waving his arms and yelling at the crowds. His enthusiasm is infectious. He has a great relationship with his roommates; they are always laughing and joking together. He works hard, and he plays hard.

#### Answer

The words all make the following adjective stronger, except *pretty*, which makes it slightly less strong.

#### Answers

1. *How long are you here for?* a period around now (past and future)
2. *How long have you been here?* past up to the present

### Answers and tapescript



1. A: How long are you here for?  
B: Four more days. We came two days ago.
2. A: How long have you been here?  
B: Since Monday.
3. A: How long are you here for?  
B: Until Friday. We're leaving Friday morning.
4. A: How long have you been here?  
B: Over half an hour! Where have you been?
5. A: How long are you here for?  
B: We're staying a month altogether.

### Answers

1. 15 million teams worldwide; 300,000 clubs; eight out of ten people watch the World Cup; 120 million regular team players.
2. The Brazilian soccer player Pelé called it that.
3. All you need is a ball, a piece of ground, and two posts.
4. George Best, Diego Maradona, and Pelé. They all learned their soccer skills on vacant lots.

### Answers

1. A Chinese kicking game.
2. The Romans and North American Indians played a kicking game. In the 1500s the English played "mob soccer."
3. "Mob soccer" was probably very fast and violent with no rules. Players did anything to get the ball and often got injuries and broken bones.
4. Each school had different rules for playing the game.
5. Each player followed the rules that he was used to.
6. It was common to play half the match by one side's rules and the second half by the other's.
7. The university men met in London to sort out the chaos. They formed the Soccer Association and started the *Book of Laws*.
8. The "sticking point" was whether you could pick up the ball and run with it. Once this was decided, rugby was also born. It was decided you couldn't pick up the ball in soccer, but you could in rugby.

#### Answers

- a. Australia  
b. Europe  
c. Asia  
d. South America, Africa  
e. North America
- Europe, South America, and Africa are most enthusiastic; Asia and Australia are the least enthusiastic.
- The European clubs have a lot of money to buy the best players.
- North America: in 1991 the U.S. won the first Women's World Cup, and the World Cup was in Los Angeles in 1994; Asia: Japan and Korea co-hosted the World Cup in 2002. Australia: they qualified for the 2006 World Cup; Africa: having the 2010 World Cup in South Africa is very important for African soccer.

#### Answers

- positive: adore, into, crazy about, fond of  
negative: loathe, can't stand, detest  
neutral: kind of like, not that into, don't mind

#### Answers

- She absolutely adores her cream.
- Has very into all water sports.
- I detest opera.
- My brother is crazy about (playing) video games.
- My sister isn't really that into any sports.
- I can't stand people who always talk about themselves.
- My mom is very fond of (going to) musicals.
- I don't mind tea but I prefer coffee.
- The thing I loathe most is cleaning up my room.
- I kind of like my job, but it's time I applied for another one.

### Answers and audio script

Julia — tennis

Paul — horseback riding

Andrew — poetry

James — weather

Kim — fishing



Julia

I'm really passionate about playing tennis. I've been playing nearly 20 years. I was about 7 or 8 when I started taking lessons, and I had a fantastic teacher. I think that's why I still love it—she was passionate about the sport and that influenced me. I have played in competitions mainly when I was at school. I still do sometimes. I enjoy it, I think, because it's a very psychological game. I mean, if you're playing badly you have to push yourself to continue, it's a challenge not to give up. It's also a very sociable sport—I've made lots of friends playing doubles, and, it's a game that doesn't have to be expensive—anyone can play—all you need is a tennis racket. You don't need expensive clothing or equipment, like you do for skiing, and it's a fantastic way to keep fit all year round—there's only about three months that you can't play. When I lived in Australia I played every week of the year. I adored that, it was great.

**Paul**

My passion at the moment is horseback riding—it's strange to hear myself say that because I've only been doing it about a year and I never imagined I'd be so into it. It all happened because I was talking to someone who rode horses and I said that stupid thing people often say, "Oh, I've always wanted to do that," and she said, "Why don't you then?" And I thought, "Why not?" I've always liked horses, they're so big and powerful, but so beautiful when you see them racing around a field or on a track. It amazes me that they let people ride on their backs. Riding is very physically demanding because your body has to be in harmony . . . um, it has to move with the horse, but it keeps you fit. Of course, I have fallen off a few times, but it seems that the more you fall, the less it hurts. Also, you try and understand your horse. They have moods. You never quite know what a ride is going to be like—a horse you had a great ride on one week can be slow and miserable the next week. I really like that about horses—they have personalities.

**Andrew**

I'm passionate about poetry—I studied English Literature in college, but it wasn't until after I graduated that I really got into poetry and I started writing some myself. And I met some other people who wrote poetry and I heard them read it aloud and that was amazing. I felt the power of the words—the thing I like so much about it is that you can say so much with just a few words. So a little means a lot. Each word, each noun, adjective, preposition has to work hard. There's a poem by Simon Armitage called "To His Lost Lover"—it's a poem of regret, about not saying the things you should have said in a relationship. It has it all for me—poetry's all about saying what often goes unsaid, and with passion. It can be such a help in your life—if you feel tired or depressed, you can always find a poem that will help—it can be short or long, it doesn't matter.



### James

The thing I'm passionate about, and this may surprise many people, is—um, Seattle weather. I know lots of people can't stand our weather—um, they complain about it all the time, but I love it. You see, when I was a child my family lived in California for five years and we had about 365 days of sunshine every year. It was so boring. I was ten when we came back to Seattle and I just loved all the changes in the weather. Here, you really appreciate the sunshine, and you notice the seasons. For me, one of nature's miracles is after a long, hot, sunny day there's a thunderstorm or a downpour of rain and you go outside and you can smell the freshness in the air. The world has been washed clean and bright. It's magic. And you know, it's a myth that it rains all the time; it doesn't. It rains less here than in New York or Atlanta!

### Kim

Something I feel really passionately about is fishing. My father and uncles have always been into this sport, and I started when I was about six. We usually go fishing in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. We go out from about 5:30 in the morning, and we don't get back until late in the day. And the thing I love best about it is that you're away from everything and everyone, out in the water, just waiting, with nothing around you. In fishing, patience is the key to success. You have to keep quiet and still for hours on end until the fish bites the hook. But in my family we only catch, never kill the fish. Once we capture it, we carefully release it, and it's not harmed.



#### Answers

##### Julia

1. Nearly 20 years.
2. Her teacher was passionate about the sport.
3. It's a challenge not to give up if you are playing badly. It's also a very sociable sport. It doesn't have to be expensive — all you need is a tennis racket. It's a fantastic way to keep fit all year round.

##### Paul

1. About a year.
2. He was talking to someone who rode horses. He had always wanted to go horseback riding, and she suggested he should try it.
3. He's always liked horses. It keeps you fit. Horses have personalities and each time you ride it is different.

##### Andrew

1. Since he graduated from college.
2. He met some people who wrote poetry and he heard them read it aloud.
3. You can say so much with just a few words. Each word has to work hard. It can be a help in your life.

##### James

1. Since he was ten.
2. He lived in California for five years, and it was boring because it was sunny all the time. When he came back to Seattle he loved all the changes in the weather.
3. The changes in weather are interesting. He loves the freshness in the air after a storm/rain. The rain makes everything green.

##### Kira

1. Since she was six.
2. Her family has always been into fishing.
3. You are away from everything and everyone, out in the water.

## Answers

Pleasure	Agreement
How amazing!	Absolutely.
That's great!	Definitely.
Awesome!	Of course.
Congratulations!	That makes sense.
Wonderful!	Fine.
Good for you!	OK.
Surprise	Sympathy
Did you?	What a shame!
You didn't!	That's a shame.
That's amazing!	Oh, no!
You're kidding!	That's too bad.
You did what?	How awful!
Really?	Bad luck.

## Answers and audio script



- A My grandfather hasn't been doing too well lately.  
B Oh, no! (That's a shame./That's too bad.)  
A He's 79. Don't you think at his age he should slow down a little?  
B Absolutely. (Definitely./Of course.)  
A But he won't listen to me. He says he wants to enjoy his life to the fullest.  
B That makes sense. (Of course. Absolutely.)  
A Last summer he went on a two-week cycling trip in South America.  
B You're kidding! (That's amazing!/Really?)  
A We're going to give him a big party for his 80th birthday.  
B That's great. (How amazing!/Awesome!/Wonderful!/Good for you.)  
A But before that, I'm going to have a word with him and tell him to take things easier.  
B Good for you.

## Answers and audio script



1. A My boyfriend just asked me to marry him.  
B Did he? (Really?) Good for you! (Wonderful/Awesome./That's great.) Did you say yes?
2. A Will spaghetti Bolognese be OK for dinner?  
B Of course. (Absolutely./Definitely./Fine.) That's great. It's one of my favorites.
3. A There's a strike at the airport so my trip's been canceled.  
B Oh, no! That's a shame. (What a shame!/That's too bad./How awful!/Bad luck.) Will you get your money back?
4. A I failed my driving test again.  
B You didn't! (Did you?) That's too bad. (What a shame!/That's a shame./Oh, no./How awful!/Bad luck.) Better luck next time.
5. A We're expecting a baby.  
B Are you? (That's amazing!/You're kidding!/Really?) Congratulations! (How amazing!/That's great./Wonderful!/Good for you.) When's it due?
6. A So you think I should save to buy a car, not borrow the money?  
B Definitely. (Absolutely./Of course.) You already have too many debts.
7. A I told him I never wanted to see him again.  
B You're kidding! (Did you?/You didn't!/You're kidding!/You did what?/Really?) What a shame! (That's a shame./Oh, no./That's too bad./How awful!) I always thought the two of you were so good together.