

Practice Exercises

6(1) Life Experience: Exercise A

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.



Richard (be) is a teacher at a college in England. He (teach) _____ science there for the past five years. Before that, for two years, he (be) _____ a graduate student at Newton University. At the same time, he (work) _____ part-time as a research assistant.

Richard (come) _____ to England eight years ago. After finishing his studies in Hong Kong, he (give) _____ a grant to study in the UK. Another reason he (decide) _____ to study in the UK was that he (want) _____ to be with his girlfriend who (go) _____ to London to get a job as a model.

After about two years, Richard and his girlfriend (get married) _____. Now they (have) _____ a five-year-old son. Altogether, they (live) _____ in England for eight years.

6(1) Life Experience: Exercise B

Rearrange the words to form the correct sentence.

Example: Richard /but now/ /used to / /a graduate student/ /be/ /is/ a science teacher.

Richard used to be a graduate student, but now he is a science teacher.

1. Richard /in Hong Kong/ /but now/ /live/ /used to/ /he lives/ in England.

Richard _____ in England.

2. His girlfriend /to get/ /to London/ /came/ /as/ /a job/ a model.

His girlfriend _____ a model.

3. Richard /in England/ /living/ /likes/ /enjoys/ /and he/ teaching.

Richard _____ teaching.

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6(1) Life Experience: Exercise C

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.

John (be) is a well-known writer. He (write) _____ several books. Four of his books (be) _____ best-sellers. Now John (write) _____ a book about the life of Mikhail Gorbachev.

John (like) _____ to travel. He (travel) _____ to many parts of the world. When he was eighteen years old, he (go) _____ to the US and Canada. A year later he (go) _____ to Japan and Korea. Since then, he (go) _____ to a different country every year.

Now that he (get) _____ older, John thinks he should (get) _____ married. Unfortunately, he still (meet, not) _____ the right woman for him.

6(1) Life Experience: Exercise D

Fill in the blanks with *ago*, *for*, *since*, or *after*

Example: John worked for a large company for six years.

1. When John was nineteen he went to Japan and Korea. _____ then, he has been to a different country every year.
2. Richard has taught science _____ the past five years.
3. Richard and his girlfriend came to England eight years _____. _____ about two years they got married.
4. They have lived in England _____ almost eight years.
5. Richard came to England eight years _____, _____ finishing his university studies in Hong Kong.

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6(1) Life Experience: Exercise E

Use the passive form of the verb to write a new sentence with the same meaning.

Example:

They kicked Jack out of school. Jack was kicked out of school.



1. The police have arrested Jack three times.

2. They caught Jack and put him in jail.

3. The publishers rejected John's first book.

4. The government gave Richard a grant to study in the UK.

5. That was the first time they arrested him.

6(1) Life Experience: Exercise F

Fill in the blanks with *still*, *yet*, *already*, or *anymore*

1. Richard got married six years ago. He is _____ married.

2. John _____ hasn't met the right woman for him.

3. John isn't married _____.

4. Jack used to be married, but he isn't married _____.

5. Richard's mother died last year but his father is _____ alive.

6. Richard's family _____ lives in Hong Kong.

7. John used to work for a large company but he doesn't _____.

8. John has _____ been to Korea and Japan, but he's never been to Malaysia.