

Word on the Street Flathunting Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

What is the meaning of the present perfect in these sentences? Put the sentences into two groups.

The Bakers have lived next door for more than 40 years. / Penny won't be at work today. She's broken her arm. / I've always been interested in different cultures. / There's no need for you to worry about the washing-up. I've done it. / We don't have any money at the moment. We've just bought a new car. / Steve's had problems with his knees since he was a child.

An action which started in the past and is not finished:

A finished past action with a present result:

Activity 2

Match the present perfect sentences with the present results.

I think I've eaten too much. / I've lost my keys. / She's gone away on holiday. / They've beaten Germany 2-1! / They've finished their homework. / We've just redecorated it.

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I don't feel very well. _____

The boys can watch TV now. _____

Our bedroom looks much nicer than before. _____

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Activity 3

Can you remember the sentences from the last activity? Complete them using the present perfect.

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3. The boys can watch TV now. They _____ their homework.
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5. Sorry, but Joan's not here at the moment. She _____ away on holiday.

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