

Word on the Street

Transport and Travel Scene 2

– Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Decide which one of the two sentences is correct.

1.
 - a) I've had lunch yesterday.
 - b) I've had lunch today.
2.
 - a) I've played tennis three times this week.
 - b) I've played tennis three times last week.
3.
 - a) I've been to two weddings this year.
 - b) I've been to two weddings last year.
4.
 - a) I've walked to work every day this month.
 - b) I've walked to work every day last month.
5.
 - a) I've seen Stephen last Monday.
 - b) I've seen Stephen today.
6.
 - a) I've studied English ten years ago.
 - b) I've studied English for ten years.

Activity 2

Put these sentences into the correct group.

I've been to Rome twice this year. / I studied English in school. / I've watched *Desperate Housewives* since it began. / I've studied French for three years. / I watched *Avatar* at the cinema. / I went to Madrid last summer.

Finished action

Unfinished action

Activity 3

Read the questions and select all of the answers that are correct.

1. If you don't understand what someone is saying, you can say:
 - a) I'm sorry, I haven't understand.
 - b) I'm sorry, I don't understand.
 - c) I'm sorry, I can't understand.
2. If the person you are speaking to says a word you don't hear, you can say:
 - a) Could you repeat that, please?
 - b) Could you say that again?

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- c) Could you speak that again?
3. If the person is speaking too quickly, you can say:
- a) Please speak more slowly.
 - b) Please slow speaking.
 - c) Please don't speak so quickly.
4. If you don't understand and you want help, you can:
- a) Repeat a bit of what they said and ask: 'What do you mean?'
- b) Wave your hand.
- c) Look confused and say: 'Again'.
5. If you want to ask the person you are speaking to for help, you can say:
- a) How do you say it in English?
 - b) What's that called in English?
 - c) What is that name in English?

Answers

Activity 1

1. b) I've had lunch today.
2. a) I've played tennis three times this week.
3. a) I've been to two weddings this year.
4. a) I've walked to work every day this month.
5. b) I've seen Stephen today.
6. b) I've studied English for ten years.

Activity 2

Finished action

I went to Madrid last summer.

I studied English in school.

I watched *Avatar* at the cinema.

Unfinished action

I've been to Rome twice this year.

I've studied French for three years.

I've watched *Desperate Housewives* since it began.

Activity 3

1. b) I'm sorry, I don't understand.
2. a) Could you repeat that, please?
b) Could you say that again?
3. a) Please speak more slowly.
c) Please don't speak so quickly.
4. a) Repeat a bit of what they said and ask: 'What do you mean?'
5. a) How do you say it in English?
b) What's that called in English?