

1. Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

1. Pete was ill but he is *getting over* his illness *soon/now*.
2. I'm feeling rather run down *lately/at present*, doctor.
3. I always stay on duty *since/until* six o'clock.
4. I'm *often/forever* picking your hairs out of the bath!
5. Fortunately the baby *now/recently* sleeps all night.
6. I was having a bath *at the time/that time*, so I didn't hear the doorbell.
7. We bought our tickets and five minutes *after/later* the train arrived.
8. According to Grandpa, people used to dress formally *those days/in his days*.
9. Everyone was talking but stopped *at that time/the moment* Mr Smith arrived.
10. The letter still hadn't arrived *by/until* the end of the week.
11. They waited for *give or take/the best part of* an hour, then started the meeting without him.
12. We had better *get a move on/schedule* if we want to catch that plane.
13. Don't forget that the office closes at four thirty *sharp/roughly* on Fridays.
14. He had been working *more often than not/for ten solid hours*, and was exhausted.
15. Nothing much has been happening *by now/so far*.
16. I've finished reading her new book *at last/this evening*.

2. Complete with one word.

1. "I covered the pudding with cream and decorated it with cherries." "And"?"
2. For years people remembered that terrible night.
3. he grew older his temper improved. (*His temper got better every year.*)
4. he grew older (*he reached the age of, say, 40*) his temper improved.
5. Could you phone me the you arrive at the hotel so I don't worry?
6. I promise to get everything ready eight o'clock at the latest.
7. I told Sue I already finished my essay.
8. I'm sorry you've been waiting so long, but it will be some time Brian gets back.
9. Just sit here, would you? The doctor will be with you
10. "I'm going to get another tape recorder. the meantime, could you read the questions to the listenings?" the teacher said.

11. When she went to university in 1947, she was confronted with the real world. Until then, she had had an incredibly sheltered life.
12. "Things are going to change around here," the new manager said. "..... now, all executive decisions will come through me."
13. My grandparents threw a big party their fiftieth wedding anniversary.
14. We go to the cinema now and then, but only if there's something good on.
15. I'm staying in now, but I might go out a bit later on.
16. How long has Sue gone abroad
17. Start now and go on I tell you to stop.
18. The library is open 10 4 o'clock.
19. I've just had enough of my job. It's the same old routine, day, day
20. Ever his accident he's been afraid of flying.
21. I give all the guests breakfast; I have my own.
22. In the story, the Princess married the Prince and they lived happily ever

3. Choose the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

1. Reginald was **cutting it fine/playing for time**, with only five minutes to spare before his appointment.
2. It **had just gone/was halfway through** 12 o'clock when Cinderella left the ball.
3. My watch is **slow/fast**. It gains five minutes every day.
4. I work in this office **all this year/all the time**.
5. Emerson is **currently/for long** top of the driver's league.
6. I am not making much money **these days/so far** this year.
7. The food tastes even worse **now/presently**. You've put too much salt in.
8. **Normally/previously** we get in touch with customers by post.
9. **Once/Until** I'd read the manual, I found I could use the computer easily
10. It was more than a month **before/until** I realised what had happened.
11. I managed to talk to Carol just **as/while** she was leaving.
12. It wasn't **until/up to** 1983 that Nigel could afford to take holidays abroad.
13. George always let me know **by the time/whenever** he was going to be late.
14. It's a long time **since/when** I last saw you.

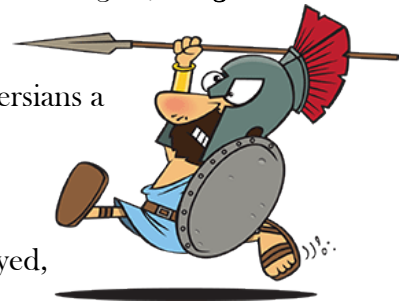


15. I've seen Bill quite often **lately/from time to time**.
16. Have you spoken to the director **beforehand/already**?
17. I've lived in the same house **for years/for ever**.
18. We've won every match we've played so **far/much** this season.
19. I've read the paper **now/still**.
20. Diana has bought a computer **two years ago/since then**.

4. Choose the best word, A, B or C for each gap.

The battle of Thermopylae.

The Battle of Thermopylae took place nearly 2500 years **a...** when the Persian King Xerxes invaded Greece. A huge Persian army moved down the east coast of Greece **b...** it reached the narrow pass of Thermopylae, which was defended by Leonidas with 300 Spartans, 600 slaves and a small number of other Greeks. The Persian army halted, and soon **c...** a Persian scout reported to the King that the Greek defenders were combing their hair, their custom before battle. The Persians waited **d...** four days while they tried to persuade the Greeks to leave, but the Greeks held firm. **e...** on the fifth day the Persians launched an attack but the Greeks easily defeated them. **f...** the following two days, the Persians attacked again and again, but **g...** the end of the second day the pass had still not been taken, and thousands of Persians had been slaughtered. On the third day a traitor, Ephialtes, offered to show the Persians a secret path over the mountains to the rear of the Greek position. **h...** a large force set off and **i...** a brief battle with the Phocians who were defending the path, the main Greek army was surrounded. **j...** the small Greek force was completely destroyed, but their bravery and skill and the small size of their army shocked the Persians, and won them a place in history.



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| a A since | B past | C ago |
| b A until | B after | C later |
| c A at once | B at last | C afterwards |
| d A since | B for | C within |
| e A Afterwards | B Finally | C Until |
| f A During | B By | C Already |
| g A by | B for | C later |
| h A On time | B Immediately | C Once |
| i A within | B until | C after |
| j A After | B In the end | C Already |

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1)

1.now 2.at present 3.until 4.forever 5.now 6.at the time 7.later 8.in his days 9.the moment
10.by 11.the best part of 12.get a move on 13.sharp 14.for ten solid hours 15.so far 16.at
last

2)

1.then 2.after 3.as 4.when 5.moment/minute 6.by/for 7.had 8.before
9.soon/directly/shortly/presently 10.in 11.up 12.from no won 13.on 14.every 15.for 16.for
17.until/till 18.from to(until) 19.day in, day out 20.Ever since 21.Afterwards, then, later,
22.after

3)

1.cutting it fine 2.had just gone 3.fast 4.all the time 5.currently 6.these days 7.now
8.Normally 9.Once 10.before 11.as 12.until 13.whenever 14.since 15.lately 16.already
17.foryears 18.so far 19.now 20.since then.

4)

aC bA cC dB eB fA gA hB iC jB