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No place like home

The tense system • Informal language • Compound words • Social expressions



TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

1 Which time expressions from the box can be used with the sentences below?

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| 1 My parents met in Paris. | 6 I wrote to my grandmother. |
| 2 They travel abroad. | 7 I'm going to work in the US. |
| 3 They were working in Canada. | 8 My brother's flying to Argentina on business. |
| 4 I was born in Montreal. | 9 He's been learning Spanish. |
| 5 My grandparents have lived in Ireland. | 10 I'll see you. |

when I was born never in the 1970s
 tonight frequently for ages ages ago
 the other day in a fortnight's time
 recently during a snowstorm for a year
 since I was a child later sometimes

2 Talk to a partner about yourself and your family using some of the time expressions.

WRITING HOME

Tense revision and informal language

- 1 Read the letter. Who is writing? Who to? Where is he? What is he complaining about? How old do you think the writer is?
- 2 Complete the questions. Then ask and answer them with a partner.
- 'How long _____ Max _____ at summer camp?'
'Just _____.'
 - '_____ he _____ a good time?'
'No, not really. He _____ very homesick.'
 - 'Is this his first time at summer camp?'
'No, it _____ . He _____ once before. Last year he _____ to Pine Trees.'
 - '_____ he like it at Pine Trees?'
'Oh, yes, he _____ , very much.'
 - 'Why was that?'
'Because _____.'
 - 'What _____ tomorrow?'
'He _____ pancakes.'
 - 'Why _____ his cell phone?'
'Because _____.'
- 3 **T.1.1** Listen and check your answers.



Tuesday, 9:00pm

Hi Mom, Hi Dad!

Been here two days but seems like FOREVER - it's kind of boring and I'm feeling very homesick - more homesick than last year 'cause at Pine Trees we had more exciting stuff to do. Here we have an activity called 'extreme sun tanning', where you sit outside for two hours and do nothing. We also have an activity called 'sitting around playing cards'. Last year we did stuff like archery and mountain biking. I'm still hanging in there, though. Got to go to sleep now. We're making chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast tomorrow.

Love you lots, Max xxxxxx

P.S. Could you send me more money? Oh, and my cell phone. ALL the other kids have their cell phones!

