



# OLD FRIENDS



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## 1

### Warm up

The vocabulary in **bold** relates to life events. Answer the questions about each pair of items.

**start work / go to university**

1. Can you do these things at the same time?

**have kids / get married**

2. Which of these things do people often do first?

**buy a car / move house**

3. How can these things make it easier to do your job?

**start a new business / open a shop**

4. What's the difference between these?

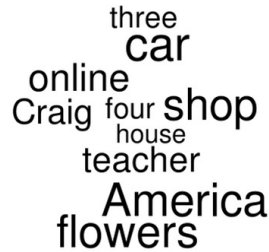
Quickly add 3 events to a timeline of your life. Include past, present and future. Work in pairs to compare timelines.





## 2 Reading

The Old Friends website helps people find classmates from their school or university. Read the messages on the next page between Louise and Nora and decide which words in the word cloud relate to Louise and which words relate to Nora.



Can you remember? Work in pairs to explain how these words relate to each person.

Read the messages again and say what happened in these years.

- 1. 2010 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. 2013 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. 2015 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. 2016 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. this year \_\_\_\_\_

**B L O G**: *OldFriends***CHAT:**

(Louise) Hi everybody! I am looking for friends from Longshore University, class of 2010. Do you remember me - Louise Davies?

(Nora) Hi Louise! I remember you. I was in your Business classes - I'm Nora Rennison. I haven't seen you for ages! What are you doing these days?

(Louise) Well, like you, I finished university in 2010. I spent three years travelling and volunteering in America, and then I started work at Goodtogo, the online travel company. I've worked there for almost ten years. What about you?

(Nora) After university, I started a new business, selling flowers. At first, I worked from home, but then I opened my own shop. I've had the shop since 2016.

(Louise) Great! Are you still with your boyfriend, Craig?

(Nora) Yes, I am. We've been married for nine years now.

(Louise) That's lovely! Say hi to Craig for me. I've been married since 2015. My husband Bill is a teacher. Have you got kids?

(Nora) Yes, three. And you?

(Louise) Yes, we have four kids! So, we moved to a bigger house in the countryside. We've lived there for two years now. I love it.

(Nora) We want to move to a bigger house, but we don't have the money. But we've just bought a new car, so we can take the kids out to the beach.

(Louise) Let's meet up at the beach!

(Nora) Great idea!



### 3 Language point

First, study these sentences.

1. (Louise) Then I **started** work at Goodtogo, the online travel company. I've **worked** there **for almost ten years**.
2. (Nora) At first, I **worked** from home, but then I **opened** my own shop. I've **had** the shop **since 2016**.

Now, choose the best option to complete the information.

1. In the first sentences, we know that Louise **is / isn't** working at Goodtogo now.
2. In the second sentences, we know that Nora **works / doesn't work** from home now.
3. In the second sentences, we know that Nora **has / doesn't have** her own shop now.
4. We use past simple to talk about past actions or states that are **finished / unfinished**.
5. We use present perfect simple to talk about past actions or states that are **finished / unfinished**.

- We've been married for nine years now.
- I've been married since 2015.

Choose the correct option:

1. In sentences with present perfect forms, we use **for + a time when the action started / for + a length of time**.
2. In sentences with present perfect forms, we use **since + a time when the action started / since + a length of time**.

Quick check: decide if these time expressions go with *for* or *since*.

1. 1999
2. months
3. 9 o'clock
4. November
5. six weeks
6. Tuesday
7. two days
8. ages/a long time
9. I started my new job

Think of one more time expression to use with *for* and one to use with *since*.



**4 Practice**

Read the sentences. Use the present perfect form of the verb in brackets and *for* or *since* to write new sentences with the same meaning.

Example: Louise met Bill seven years ago. (know) Louise has known Bill for 7 years.

Bill is a teacher. He became a teacher after he finished university. (be)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Bill works at the local high school. He started his job there in 2016. (work)

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Bill cycles to work every day. He bought a new bike six weeks ago. (have)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Louise's last contact with her classmate Craig was in 2010. (see)

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Craig was born in London, but he moved to Longshore when he started university. (live)

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Craig and Nora met in 2007. (know)

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Craig joined the local football team three months ago. (play)

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Louise wanted to speak German, so she joined an evening class in 2019. (study)

8. \_\_\_\_\_



# 5 Speaking

Imagine that you finished university in 2018, and that you used the Old Friends website to make contact with your old classmates. You have found an old friend and have arranged to meet up with them.

First complete the table to make notes about yourself. Use your imagination. You should have at least six things to talk about with your classmate. Write when the events happened and any details you want to include, like this:

*Example: started work 2018, family restaurant, I love it*

Then speak in A/B pairs, like this:

- A: Hi! I haven't seen you for ages! What are you doing these days?
- B: Well, after university, I started work at my family's restaurant and I've worked there for three years. What about you?
- A: After university I travelled all over India. And then I moved back here. I've lived with my parents since 2020. Where do you live now?

	about you	about your partner
name:		
subject studied at university:		
finished university:	2018	
started work:		
travelled:		
moved house:		
got married:		
had kids:		
bought a car:		
started a business:		
opened a shop:		

What's the same about your and your partner's lives?



## 6 Extra practice/homework

Find and correct the mistakes with these sentences. If the sentence is correct put a tick next to it.

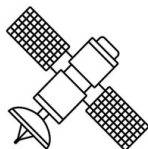
1. I haven't seen you since ages.
2. He knows his girlfriend since June.
3. We've lived here for 6 months.
4. I had this coat for the last 10 years.
5. We were studied English since we were ten years old.
6. My parents been married for 30 years.
7. I've worked for the same company since I left school.
8. She's been a nurse for 2020.

## 7 Optional extension

How long have these things been around? Match each item with one of the time phrases.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. colour photography         | a. for around 100 years   |
| 2. satellites in space        | b. for around 120 years   |
| 3. the biro/ballpoint pen     | c. for around forty years |
| 4. commercial airplane travel | d. for around ten years   |
| 5. laptop computers           | e. since 1928             |
| 6. Mickey Mouse               | f. since 1938             |
| 7. mobile phones              | g. since 1957             |
| 8. Zoom meetings              | h. since the early 1970s  |

Are you surprised by any of this information?





## 8

## Appendix

## Irregular verbs.

infinitive	past simple	past participle
be	was/were	been
become	became	become
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned
buy	bought	bought
choose	chose	chosen
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
fall	fell	fallen
forget	forgot	forgotten
get	got	got (US gotten)
go	went	gone
have	had	had
hit	hit	hit
hurt	hurt	hurt
know	knew	known





make	made	made
meet	met	met
put	put	put
ride	rode	ridden
run	ran	run
see	saw	seen
sing	sang	sung
shoot	shot	shot
spend	spent	spent
spill	spilt/spilled	spilt/spilled
swim	swam	swum
take	took	taken
tell	told	told
throw	threw	thrown