

ROCK YOUR ENGLISH!

CHAPTER 5: Answers

POP QUIZ

- 1 Christina Aguilera
- 2 Amy Winehouse
- 3 Wales
- 4 Kelly Clarkson
- 5 Steely Dan
- 6 Janet Jackson
- 7 U2

EAR CANDY

- 1 This song is about someone complaining about her boyfriend and his behaviour. He seems to be arrogant, lazy, and not very thoughtful. Lucky her!
- 2 She means that he used to go out a lot with her in the past, but now all he wants to do is sit on the couch and be a couch potato!
- 3 If you 'put something off', it means that you postpone or delay doing something until a later time.

Making sentences (page 50)

2a I have known my teacher/boss/astrologist for X years.

2b I have known my teacher/boss/astrologist since

3a I have had the shoes/shirt/nose ring for X years.

3b I have had the shoes/shirt/nose ring since

4a I have been interested in music for X years.

4b I have been interested in music since

5a I have had my bike/car/pony for X years.

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Lyrical assignments

- 1 'Since you've been gone' means that the situation is still going on, and has not finished yet. She still feels that way. 'When you left me last Saturday' looks back to a moment in the past, and has no connection to now. It sounds more emotional, dramatic, and stronger to use the Present Perfect here, as it brings it up to and includes now. If you use the Past Simple, it is not as strong, as the situation is only a memory and not connected to now anymore.



- 2 'The blank pages of my diary' refer to the pages in her secret diary that she has not written in yet. This part of the lyric means that since her lover left her she has not been able to write in her diary.
- 3 The verb in the Past Simple is 'dreamed', and the verb in the Present Perfect is 'I've had'. The Past Simple is used because they say 'last night', which is finished. The Present Perfect is used because they say 'since yesterday', which means that it is still going on! Steely Dan has great grammar! Thanks, guys!
- 4 A Dutch translation:
'Het is al weken geleden sinds ik je voor het laatst heb gezien
De tijd die ik niet bij je ben, gaat niet snel'
- 5 If you 'make believe', then you imagine something. Hey, there's a word that means the same! To pretend!

WATCH OUT!

- 1 have had
- 2 has not eaten
- 3 have worked
- 4 have not gone
- 5 Have you seen

Lyrical assignments

- 6 'This year we learned how to live' would be grammatically wrong because this year is still going on and not yet finished. 'Last year we learned how to live' would be correct.
- 7 Your 'next of kin' are your nearest (or closest) relatives. It can be either your parents, your brothers or sisters, or your children.

PRESENT PERFECT WITH LIFE EXPERIENCES

There are lots of different possibilities for these answers. Here are four examples:

No, I have never climbed a mountain.

Yes, I have been to a music festival before.

Yes, I have eaten snails once.

No, I have not been tattooed.

Lyrical assignments

- 8 If you 'scale a wall', then you climb over a high wall, kind of like Spiderman!
 - He scaled a wall to break into the bank.
 - She tried to scale the high wall but fell off halfway.
 - We managed to scale the wall just in time to escape from the wild dogs that were chasing us.



DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!

- 1 I was in Scotland in 2007.
- 2 We have never eaten snails before.
- 3 She saw a movie last night.
- 4 I climbed a mountain last year.
- 5 He has never been to Norway.

THE REMIX

- 1 Have you ever been
- 2 saw, was
- 3 have never gone. Have you?
- 4 have never been
- 5 had, was, was, was, asked
- 6 have always wanted. Have you ever climbed
- 7 climbed
- 8 When did you do
- 9 did
- 10 saw, got, had, was, have ever seen

