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- A: How long have you owned that TV?
- B: I've owned it since 1995.
- A: And has it worked OK since you bought it?
- B: Oh, yes. It's worked very well since I bought it.
- A: Mine has broken twice since 1998.
- B: I haven't had any trouble with my TV.

### 2.

- A: How long have Bob and Chuck been barbers?
- B: They've been barbers for seven years.
- A: Seven years? That's a long time.
- B: Yes. They've always enjoyed cutting hair.
- A: I haven't had a hair cut in a long time.
- B: No, you haven't. I can tell. Your hair is too long.

# 3.

A: How many times has Julie traveled to Canada?

B: She's traveled to Canada six times in the last few years.

A: How many parks has she visited in Canada?

B: She's visited several parks. I don't know how many.

A: Has she ever been to Toronto?

B: Yes, she has. She's been to Toronto two or three times.

### 4.

A: Have you seen any interesting movies lately?

B: Yes, I have. I just saw "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

- A: And did you enjoy it?
- B: Yes, I did. It's one of the best movies I've ever seen.
- A: I haven't gone to the movies in a long time.
- B: I know you haven't. You've been very busy.

## 5.

A: The weather has been very cold recently.

B: Yes, it has. It hasn't been warm for a while.

A: It's been especially cold at night.

B: Yes, I know it has. I've needed to wear my flannel pajamas.

A: I've had my heater on all night recently.

B: It has sometimes been very windy, too.

# 6.

- A: Have you done the laundry yet?
- B: No, I haven't. I haven't had enough time to do it.
- A: Has Jack washed the windows yet?
- B: No, he hasn't. He's been very busy lately.
- A: Has little Jeff picked up his toys yet?
- B: No, he hasn't. He's been at school all afternoon.

7. A: Have you read the newspaper yet?

B: No, I haven't had a chance to. Is there any important news?

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A: I don't know because I haven't read the paper yet either.

- B: I bet Sally has already read the paper today.
- A: Let's ask her if anything important has happened.
- B: She's read the paper every day for years.

#### 8.

A: Has Tom interviewed the applicants yet?

B: No, he hasn't interviewed all of them. He's interviewing them now.

- A: Has he written the yearly report yet?
- B: Almost, but he hasn't finished it yet.
- A: Has he telephoned the new client yet?
- B: No, but he's going to call her this afternoon.
- 9.
- A: Have you met our new neighbors yet?
- B: No, I haven't. Have they already moved in?
- A: Yes, they have. They've lived here since Saturday.
- B: Has P.G., and E. turned on their electricity?
- A: Yes. They've had electricity since they moved in.
- B: I haven't seen their lights yet.

#### 10.

- A: Have you driven on the new freeway yet?
- B: Not yet. How long has there been a new freeway?
- A: There's been a new freeway for a week.
- B: Has there been much traffic on it so far?
- A: No, there hasn't been a lot of traffic so far.
- B: There hasn't been much publicity about the new freeway.
- 11.
- A: What countries have you visited in Europe so far?
- B: We've visited France, Germany, and Italy.
- A: Have you been to Greece yet?
- B: No, we haven't been to Greece yet.
- A: I hope you've taken a lot of photographs.
- B: Yes, we have. We've taken about fifty photos so far.

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- A: What vegetables have you planted so far?
- B: We've planted carrots, tomatoes, and broccoli.
- A: Have you planted any squash yet?

B: No, we haven't planted any squash yet, but we plan to.

- A: Have you thought about planting flowers, too?
- B: We've had flowers in our garden for a long time.

### 13.

A: I'm Doctor Harris. How have you been ?

B: Not too well, doctor. I've had a bad cold since last week.

A: Have you taken anything for it so far?

B: I've taken some vitamin C and some lemon and honey.

A: Have you had any fever or chills?

B: No, I haven't had any fever or chills so far.

# 14.

#### A: Have you ever tried Cold Eze?

B: No, I've never tried Cold Eze. Is it good for colds?

A: I've taken Cold Eze several times.

B: Has it usually helped you when you've had a cold? A: It hasn't always cured my cold, but it has always helped.

B: I've never heard of Cold Eze, but I'll try it.

## 15.

A: How many patients has Dr. Harris seen today?

B: He's already seen ten patients. He's been busy.

- A: Has he spoken with Mrs. Jones yet?
- B: No, he hasn't. She hasn't made an appointment yet.

A: I'm surprised. Mrs. Jones has had a cough for days.

B: She hasn't called our office yet. Perhaps she's gotten over it.

# 16.

- A: What cold remedies have you tried so far?
- B: I've tried Cold Eze and Vitamin C.
- A: Have either of those remedies helped you?
- B: No, they haven't. This cold has just gotten worse.
- A: Have you eaten chicken noodle soup?
- B: No, I haven't eaten any chicken noodle soup.
- A: It won't cure your cold, but it'll make you feel better.

#### 17.

- A: Melinda has always been an excellent employee.
- B: Really? Has she ever been late to work?
- A: No, she has always been on time to work.
- B: Has she ever missed an important meeting?
- A: No, she has always attended important meetings.
- B: Has she ever made an accounting error?

# 18.

A: Well, she has only made three errors in five years.

B: Has she ever had a problem with the boss?

A: No. She and the boss have gotten along with each other since she was hired.

B: Has she learned all the new computer programs?

A: Yes, in fact, she's taught the new programs to the other employees.

B: But has she come up with new ideas for the company?

### 19.

- A: She's come up with many new ideas so far.
- B: Has she ever been employee of the month?

A: Yes, in fact, she's been employee of the month six times!

B: Have you found a better employee than Melinda?

A: No, I haven't seen a better employee here.

B: So, that's why you've recommended her for the job of vice president.

#### 20.

A: Robert has worked as an office clerk for six months.

- B: Has he applied for a promotion yet?
- A: He hasn't applied for a promotion yet.

B: Why hasn't he tried to get a promotion? Does he lack self confidence?

A: He hasn't learned all the computer programs yet.

B: Sylvia has already gotten a promotion, and she hasn't learned all the computer programs yet.

## 21.

A: Hello, Mrs. Parker. Tell me, have you ever managed a large apartment building?

B: Yes, I have. I managed a large building when I lived in L.A.

A: Have you ever collected rent from tenants?

B: Yes, I collected rent regularly in my last job.

A: And have you ever dealt with an emergency in the building?

B: Yes, I have. In my last job, I called the fire department six times.

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