



Herbert White, James Dark, Charlie Brown and Mary Sweet all went to the same school. They left school in 1994, and they have had very different careers. What has become of them?

Herbert White became a politician ten years ago. He's very successful. He bought a country house five years ago, and bought a Jaguar at the same time. He's been a Member of Parliament for ten years. He's had his house and car for five years.



James Dark is a criminal. He robbed a bank in 2014, and escaped to the Bahamas. He bought a luxury yacht the same year. He's still on the island. He likes to sit in the sun. He's been there since 2014. He's had the yacht since 2014.

Mary Sweet and Charlie Brown fell in love at school. He gave her a ring when they left school. She wears it every day, and she has never taken it off. They got married in 2006 and they are still in love. They moved to France in 2008.



different: verschieden
ten years ago: vor zehn Jahren
successful: erfolgreich

member: Mitglied
parliament: Parlament
rob: ausrauben

escape: entweichen
island: Insel
move: umziehen

Immer das Perfekt bei FOR (SEIT): *for two years, for six months, for a long time, for ages...* DAUER

Immer das Perfekt bei SINCE (SEIT): *since 1999, since two o'clock, since Monday...* AUSGANGSPUNKT

Immer das PAST bei AGO (VOR) : *ten years ago, some minutes ago, a long time ago*

Immer das Past bei IN+Jahrzahl (oder Monat, Jahreszeit etc.): *in 1999, in October, in spring*

Beachte: Die Zeitangabe steht entweder and der Satzspitze oder – anders als im Deutschen - am Satzschluss: *2014 raubte er eine Bank aus – In 2014 he robbed a bank – He robbed a bank in 2014.*

Translate:

- Vor zwanzig Jahren gingen sie zur gleichen Schule.
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- Vor zehn Jahren wurde er Politiker.
- Seit zehn Jahren sind sie verheiratet.
- Er wohnt seit fünf Jahren auf der Insel.
- Ich habe diese Uhr seit drei Jahren.
- Ich habe meine Kamera seit 2015.
- Sie hat ihr Auto 2013 gekauft.
- Der Verbrecher entwichte vor ein paar Tagen.
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