



Herbert White, James Dark, Charlie Brown and Mary Sweet all went to the same school. They left school in 1990, 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 2005, 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 2005. He's had the yacht since 2005.

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 1997 and they are still in love. They moved to Australia in 1999.



ten years ago: il y a dix ans
successful: qui a réussi
member: membre

parliament: parlement
rob: cambrioler
escape: s' évader

island: île
move: bouger

Toujours le PERFECT avec FOR (depuis): for two years, for six months, for a long time, for ages... DUREE

Toujours le PERFECT avec SINCE (depuis): since 1999, since two o'clock, since Monday... PT DE DEPART

Toujours le PAST avec AGO (il y a) : ten years ago, some minutes ago, a long time ago

Toujours le PAST avec IN+nbre d'années (ou mois, saisons, etc.): in 1999, in October, in spring

Attention: le complément de temps se trouve soit au début soit à la fin de la phrase: In 2005 he robbed a bank – He robbed a bank in 2005.

Translate:

Il y a vingt ans ils allaient à la même école.

Il y a dix ans il est devenu politicien.

Ils sont mariés depuis dix ans.

Il vit sur l'île depuis cinq ans.

J'ai cette montre depuis trois ans.

J'ai mon appareil photo depuis 2005.

Elle a acheté sa voiture en 2007.

Le criminel s'est évadé il y a quelques jours.