

UNIT1 SUPPLEMENT

EXERCISE 1: Complete the article using the past simple of the verbs in the box. Use each verb only once.

Become	begin	come	decide	get	leave
need					
Say	see	start	not stay	study	be
go					

Dennis Tito (1) was the son of Italian parents who (2) _____ Italy to live in the USA. His interest in space travel (3) _____ in 1961 when he (4) _____ a satellite in the sky. He (5) _____ aerospace engineering at university, then he (6) _____ a job with NASA. But he (7) _____ in that job. He (8) _____ his own company and at the age of 40 he (9) _____ a millionaire. After a Japanese journalist and a British (10) _____ into space with the Russians he (11) _____ to offer \$ 20 million to do the same. The Russians (12) _____ the money for their space programme and (13) _____ ' Yes '. For Tito, a 40-year-old dream (14) _____ .

EXERCISE 3: Put in “Since “or “For “.

Thirteen-year-old Ronnie Segal has loved math _____ (1) he was a little boy. When I asked him about his passion for numbers, Ronnie replied, “I have been interested in them _____ (2) nine years, five months, three weeks, and two days.” _____ (3) the past two years, Ronnie has attended graduatelevel classes at a local university. _____ (4) January he has taken five extremely difficult exams in number theory and has gotten 100% on all of them. _____ (5) Ronnie began classes, he has met an average of 1,324 people a month. And what about his future plans? Thirteen-year-old Ronnie has known _____ (6) many years that he is going to become a famous math professor, get married, and have exactly 2.2 children.

EXERCISE 4: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the present perfect or the past simple.

COMMUTER MARRIAGES

Many modern marriages are finding interesting solutions to difficult problems. Take Joe and Maria Smith, for example. Joe and Maria _____ (1 marry) in June 1990. They _____ (2 live) in Detroit for two years. Then in 1993 Joe _____ (3 get) a great job offer in Chicago. At the same time, Maria’s company _____ (4 move) to Boston. They are still married, but they _____ (5 live) apart ever since. They

_____ (6 decide) to travel back and forth between Boston and Chicago until one of them finds a different job. Sociologists call this kind of marriage a “computer marriage “. “It hasn’t been easy”, said Maria. “Last month I _____ (7 see) Joe three times , but this month I _____(8 see) him once “.

EXERCISE 7: Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets and choose one of the words *for, since* or *ago* for the following sentences.

1. I _____ (not speak) to her (for, since, ago) she _____ (go) to Hanoi.
2. He _____ (leave) school three years (for, since, ago), the he _____ (work) in Singapore (for, since, ago) a few months before coming back to Vietnam.
3. She _____ (have) a headache (for, since, ago) an hour! Where _____ (you be)?
4. How long _____ (you know) her?
5. I _____ (be) here (for, since, ago) she _____ (get) up this morning.
6. He _____ (just get) a new job, and he’s going to work in the States (for, since, ago) six year.
7. It’s two weeks (for, since, ago) I _____ (see) him.