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Exercise 37

Review of the Present Perfect Tense



Fill in the spaces with the correct form of the verb in simple present perfect tense or present perfect progressive tense.

Mrs. Rogers: Good afternoon, Mr. Tenny. Thank you for coming to the interview today. I am so glad you could make time to meet.

Mr. Tenny: Hello, Mrs. Rogers. It's nice to meet you. I (hear) _____ (1) that your company has grown and needs more space.

Mrs. Rogers: Yes, that's why we're searching for an architect. May I ask you some questions about your employment history and professional experience? That way, we can both decide whether the job is a good fit for you.

Mr. Tenny: Sure.

Mrs. Rogers: Okay. On your resume, it says that you (work) _____ (2) as an architect for the last eighteen years. Is that right?

Mr. Tenny: Yes, that's correct. I (have) _____ (3) a lot of experience in the field during those years. It has been a great career for me. I (always, love) _____ (4) architecture, ever since I visited the pyramids in Egypt as a young boy.

Mrs. Rogers: The pyramids are fascinating. But, I would guess that you have not spent your career designing pyramids.

Mr. Tenny (laughing): No! Not at all. I have designed many different types of buildings, both for commercial and private use.

Mrs. Rogers: Well, we are looking for someone to design our next office building. We have outgrown the space we have, and need to move ahead on a new building right away. We're thinking about a building around twenty stories tall. (You, have) _____ (5) any experience with buildings of that size?

Mr. Tenny: Yes. I (design) _____ (6) several tall buildings, including a twenty-two-story bank building in Atlanta and a twenty-five-story insurance building in Utah. I also oversaw the construction of two thirty-five-story buildings in Texas. Those were built for an oil refining company.

Mrs. Rogers: You certainly have worked with people from a wide range of professions.

Mr. Tenny: That's true, and it is part of what makes my work interesting.

Mrs. Rogers: That's great. Now, can you please tell me a bit about the project you (work) _____⁽⁷⁾ on recently? I understand that you are using a lot of technology in this one.

Mr. Tenny: That's right. For the past two months, I (assemble) _____⁽⁸⁾ a team to build an energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly building. It will use solar energy. I (spend) _____⁽⁹⁾ a lot of my time on this project lately.

Mrs. Rogers: Yes, I (hear) _____⁽¹⁰⁾ a lot about your new project. I (read) _____⁽¹¹⁾ about it in the newspaper for the past few weeks. It sounds exciting.

Mr. Tenny: Yes, it is. It will be different than any other building I (work) _____⁽¹²⁾ on. Is your company interested in including "green technology" in your new buildings?

Mrs. Rogers: Yes, we are--very much so. Our board of directors feels that our buildings should have as little impact on the environment as possible. Also, we are concerned about working conditions. We would like to include a nice outdoor park area with a walking track and picnic tables for our employees.

Mr. Tenny: That is wonderful. That (become) _____⁽¹³⁾ a trend in new construction for office buildings in the past few years. Employees need exercise. They need to take at least one break from their computer screens every day and get outdoors.

Mrs. Rogers: I agree.

Mr. Tenny: Is there anything else you would like to know while I am here?

Mrs. Rogers: Not at the moment. I think I (get) _____⁽¹⁴⁾ all the information I need for now. Thank you for coming. We will be holding a second series of interviews with the top candidates. Our Vice President of Development, Mr. Ferguson, will be in charge of those. I expect we will be contacting you shortly.

Mr. Tenny: Wonderful. I (enjoy) _____⁽¹⁵⁾ our talk. Have a nice day, Mrs. Rogers.

Mrs. Rogers: You too, Mr. Tenny.