

Question Formation and Verb Tense

Exercise 1: Ask an appropriate question for each response.

1. He traveled a lot.
2. Waiting patiently.
3. In a small town.
4. With an old friend.
5. I'm on my way.
6. Nearly two miles.
7. For an hour or two.
8. Two years, so far.
9. Two years old.
10. Just the two of us.
11. Nearly twice a week.
12. Only with close friends and family.
13. Yes, that one is mine.
14. If you are very careful.
15. One or two should be fine.
16. Not as long as you think.
17. Not as far as you think.
18. Not as many as I'd like.
19. Much worse than I thought.
20. Delightful.

Exercise 2: Take turns with *Student B* asking questions to fill the gaps with the missing information.

Student A

John has always ^{1) what?} _____ a lot. In fact, he was only two years old when he first flew to the ^{3) where?} _____. His mother is ^{5) what?} Italian and his father is ^{7) where?} _____. John was born in France, but his parents had met _____ after they had been living there for five years. They met one day while John's father was ^{9) what?} _____ in the library and his mother ^{11) what?} _____ beside him. Anyway, John travels a lot ^{13) why?} _____.

As a matter of fact, John is visiting his parents ^{15) where?} _____ at the moment. He lives ^{17) where?} _____ now, but has been visiting his parents for ^{19) how long?} _____. He really enjoys living in New York, but he also loves ^{21) what?} _____ at least once a year.

This year he has flown ^{23) how far?} _____ for his job. He has been ^{25) what?} _____ for almost two years now. He's pretty sure ^{27) of what?} _____. His job requires a lot of travel. In fact, by the end of this year, he'll have traveled ^{29) how far?} _____. His next journey will be to Australia. He really doesn't like going to Australia ^{31) why?} _____. This time he is going to fly from Paris after a meeting with the company's French partner. He'll have been sitting for ^{33) how long?} _____ by the time he arrives!

John was talking ^{35) with whom?} _____ earlier this evening when his girlfriend from New York telephoned to let him know that Jackson & Co. had decided to ^{37) what?} _____ in Australia. The two companies had been negotiating ^{39) for how long?} _____, so it really wasn't much of a surprise. Of course, this means that John will have to catch the next plane ^{41) where?} _____. He'll be meeting with his boss at this time tomorrow.

KEY

John has always ^{1) what?} **traveled** a lot. In fact, he was only ^{2) how old?} **two years old** when he first flew to the ^{3) where?.} **US**. His mother is ^{4) what?} **Italian** and his father is ^{5) what?} **American**. John was born in ^{6) where?} **France**, but his parents had met ^{7) where?} **in Cologne, Germany** after they had been living there ^{8) how long?} **for five years**. They met one day while John's father was ^{9) what?} **reading a book** ^{10) where?} **in the library** and his mother ^{11) did what?} **sat down** ^{12) where?} **beside him**. Anyway, John travels a lot ^{13) why?} **because his parents also travel a lot**.

As a matter of fact, John is ^{14) what?} **visiting his parents** ^{15) where?} **in France** ^{16) when?.} **at the moment**. He lives in ^{17) where?} **New York** now, but has been visiting ^{18) who?} **his parents** for ^{19) how long?} **the past few weeks**. He really enjoys ^{20) what?} **living in New York**, but he also loves ^{21) what?} **coming to visit his parents** ^{22) how often?} **at least once a year**.

This year he has flown ^{23) how far?} **over 50,000 miles** ^{24) why?} **for his job**. He has been ^{25) what?} **working for Jackson & Co.** for ^{26) how long?} **almost two years now**. He's pretty sure of ^{27) what?} **that he'll be working for them next year as well**. His job requires ^{28) what?} **a lot of travel**. In fact, by the end of this year, he'll have traveled ^{29) how far?} **over 120,000 miles!** His next journey will be ^{30) where?} **to Australia**. He really doesn't like going to Australia ^{31) why?} **because it is so far**. This time he is going to fly from Paris after a meeting ^{32) with whom?} **the company's French partner**. He'll have been sitting for ^{(33) how long?} **over 18 hours** by the time he arrives!

John was ^{34) what?} **talking** ^{35) with whom} **with his parents** ^{36) when?} **earlier this evening** when his girlfriend from New York telephoned to let him know that Jackson & Co. had decided to ^{37) what?} **merge with a company** ^{38) where?} **in Australia**. The two companies had been negotiating ^{39) for how long?} **for the past month**, so it really wasn't much of a surprise. Of course, this means ^{40) what?} **that John will have to catch the next plane** ^{41) where?} **back to New York**. He'll be meeting with his boss ^{42) when?} **at this time tomorrow**.