

Question Formation and Verb Tense

Exercise 1: Ask an appropriate question 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 A* asking questions to fill the gaps with the missing information

Student B

John has always traveled a lot. In fact, he was only ^{2) how old?} _____ when he first flew to the US. His mother is ^{4) what?} _____ and his father is American. John was born in ^{6) where?} _____, but his parents had met in Cologne, Germany after they had been living there ^{8) how long?} _____. They met one day while John's father was reading a book doing ^{10) where?} _____ and his mother sat down did ^{12) where?} _____. Anyway, John travels a lot because his parents also travel a lot.

As a matter of fact, John is ^{14) what?} _____ in France ^{16) when?} _____. He lives in New York now, but has been visiting ^{18) who?} _____ for the past few weeks. He really enjoys ^{20) what?} _____, but he also loves coming to visit his parents ^{22) how often?} _____.

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

John was ^{34) what?} _____ with his parents ^{36) when?} _____, when his girlfriend from New York telephoned to let him know that Jackson & Co. had decided to merge with a company ^{38) where?} _____. The two companies had been negotiating for the past month, so it really wasn't much of a surprise. Of course, this means ^{40) what?} _____ back to New York. He'll be meeting with his boss ^{42) when?} _____.

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**.