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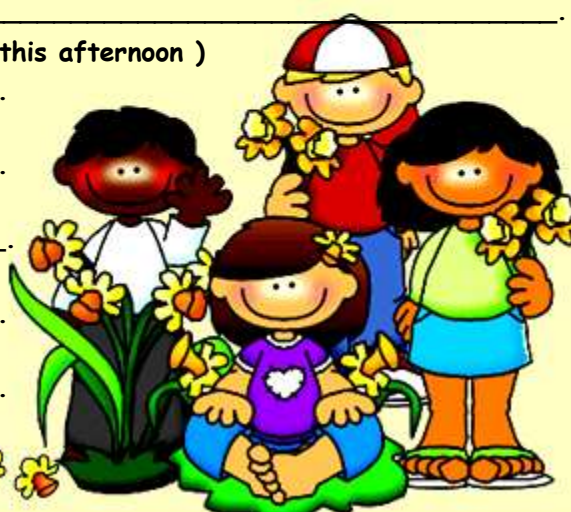
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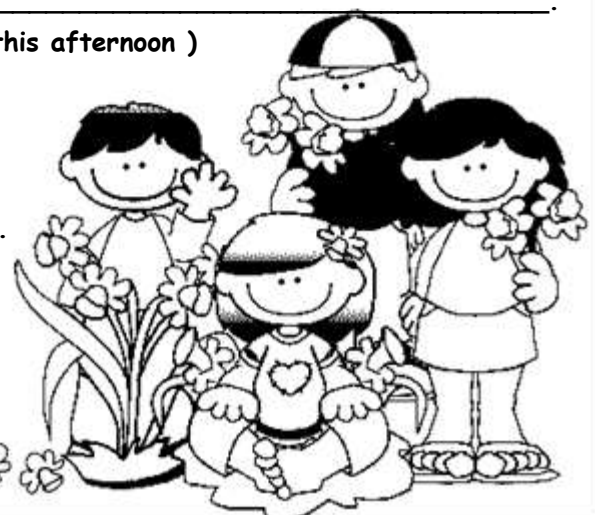
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# answer key

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- 3) Haven't you finished
- 4) Have gone - was - had
- 5) Has lived - moved
- 6) Was - have lived
- 7) Has she helped - hasn't
- 8) Has been
- 9) Have bought
- 10) Was - was

## EXERCISE - B

- 1) Yet
- 2) Last month / last summer
- 3) Since 2003
- 4) Ten minutes ago
- 5) In 1978
- 6) Yet
- 7) Just
- 8) Ever
- 9) Yesterday
- 10) Already / just
- 11) Last summer

## EXERCISE - C

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