

College Notre Dame de Jamhour

- **Rewriting using the adequate tense.**

1. We have English every Monday at noon. (to start)

English class starts at noon every Monday.

2. Lucy is swimming in the pool. She started swimming half an hour ago. (for)

Lucy has been swimming for half an hour (you CANNOT say since half an hour BUT since yesterday/ last week/last Monday)

3. Dave has had this computer for three weeks. (ago)

Dave had/ got/ bought this computer three weeks ago. (AGO= definite time in the past)

4. It's 10:00 a.m. and I'm about to write my fourth letter. (so far)

I have written three letters so far. (SO FAR/ UP TILL NOW= from the past to the present)

5. I started training five months ago. Now, it's August. (since)

I have been training since April. (WATCH OUT, YOU CAN'T SAY: I HAVE BEEN STARTING)

6. Mark is in the habit of forgetting his books. This really irritates the teacher. (always)

Mark is always irritating the teacher by forgetting his books. (WATCH OUT: YOU CAN'T SAY MARK IS ALWAYS FORGETTING: FORGET IS NON-PROGRESS!)

7. I put on three kilos and then I decided to go on a diet. (by the time)

By the time I decided to go on a diet, I had put on three kilos.

8. First, they washed the car and then they waxed it. (after)

After they washed/ had washed the car, they waxed it.

9. We packed our suitcases and then left to the airport. (as soon as)

As soon as we packed our suitcases, we left to the airport.

10. Judy was walking down the street when she saw an accident. (as)

As Judy was walking down the street, she saw an accident.

11. John never stops criticizing my friends. (always)

John is always criticizing my friends. (present progressive with always to express annoyance)

12. We have arranged to meet at 8 tomorrow.

At 8 tomorrow, we will be meeting/ are going to meet/are meeting.

13. What time is your plane scheduled to arrive to London? (to land)

What time does your plane land?

14. Jane has found a job at a supermarket for the summer. (to work)

John will be working at a supermarket for the summer. (is going to work)

15. How much is that green jacket, please? (to cost)

How much does that green jacket cost?

16. The Tigers are likely to win the match. (probably)

The Tigers will probably win the match.

17. She will go scuba diving only if the weather is good. (provided that)

She will go scuba diving provided that the weather is good.

18. I will have dinner ready by the time your parents arrive. (to prepare)

By the time your parents arrive, I will have cooked dinner.

19. She started working here at the end of June, nearly two months ago.

By the end of August, she will have been working here for 3 months.