

Grammar

Time expressions with <i>ago</i> , <i>last</i> , <i>in</i> , and <i>later</i>					
I came to the U.S.	three years 10 months	ago.	One month	later,	I started school.
I got a job	last	year. week.	Two days		I got a better job.
I changed jobs	in	July. the fall.	A week.		I was unemployed.

1 PRACTICE

A Complete the sentences. Use the words in the boxes.

1.
~~ago~~
in
last
 Teresa came to the U.S. two years ago. She studied English _____ year. She got a job _____ December.

2.
 ago
last
later
 Six months _____, Mei-Li came to the U.S. She started work in a factory one month _____. She left that job _____ week because she got a better job.

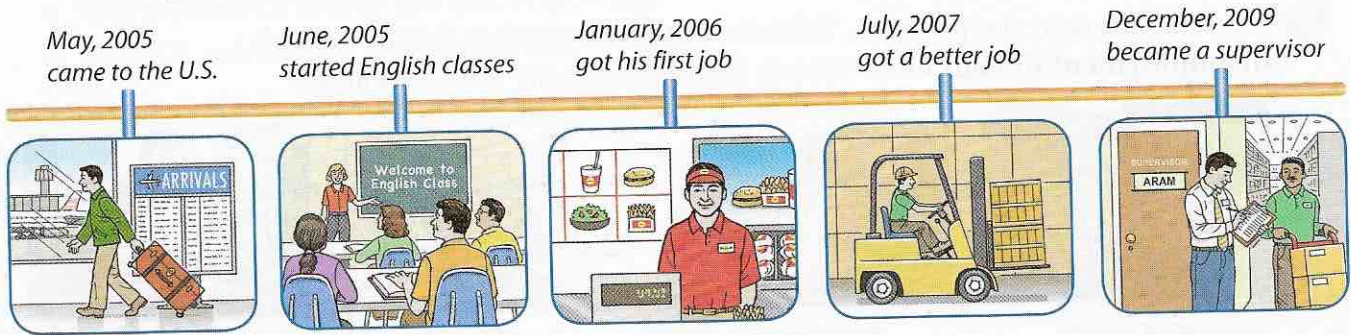
3.
 in
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 _____ 2004, Mohammed came to the U.S. One year _____, he got a job in a supermarket. He got a new job in a warehouse _____ month.

B Write each statement a different way. Use *ago* or *in*.

1. Tina got a new job last month. Tina got a new job a month ago.
2. Inez learned to use a computer in 2001. _____
3. Frank got his job a year ago. _____
4. Walter left his job in January. _____
5. Louise started school six months ago. _____
6. Beatriz changed jobs last week. _____

2 PRACTICE

A WRITE. Look at the time line. Write a short paragraph about Aram. Use *in*, *ago*, and *later*. There is more than one correct answer.



Aram came to the U.S. in May, 2005.

B PAIRS. Compare your paragraphs.

Show what you know! Answer questions about work history

STEP 1. Answer the questions about yourself. Use *in*, *ago*, or *later*.

1. When did you come to this country? _____
2. When did you start school here? _____

STEP 2. GROUPS OF 5. Take turns asking *When did you come here?*
Draw a time line to show when each person in the group came here.

Viktor: *I came here in July.*

Indira: *I came here four months ago.*



STEP 3. Draw your time line on the board. Explain it to the class.

Can you... answer questions about work history?