



Vocabulary Worksheets
Fundamentals of English Grammar, 3rd Edition
Chapter 4: The Present Perfect and the Past Perfect

Worksheet 4. Reading: *A Book Review*

Read the book review. Then answer the questions on the next page.



A Book Review

Richard Horne has written a book called *101 Things to Do Before You Die* (published by Bloomsbury, ©2004). This is a **list** of activities and accomplishments that the author thinks will **enrich** his life, and maybe your life too. The book is more than a list, though. There are suggestions about how to **accomplish** each **goal**. There's a page after each activity where the reader **checks off** an **activity** when she or he completes it. There's a place to write **down** notes.

The **author's list** is personal. He says that he wants to experience certain things in his life, not just dream about them. Here are some things he wants to say during his lifetime:

1. I have won an important **award**, trophy, or prize.
2. I have learned to play a musical instrument.
3. I have gone **up** in a hot air balloon.
4. I have stayed in a **five-star** hotel.
5. I have visited every country.
6. I have been present when my country won the World Cup.
7. I have learned another language.
8. I have read the greatest books ever written.
9. I have sold all my **junk** on eBay and made a **profit**.
10. I have reached 100 years of age.

Perhaps the reader wants to do these things, too.

This book appears in bookstores in the "humor" section because it is written in a **humorous** way. However, there is also a message in the book: it is to focus on doing the things that you want to do in life, and actually do them. He believes that readers will be happy as they check off each accomplishment and can say, "I have finally accomplished this!"

World Cup = the most important international competition in football (called "soccer" in the U.S.A.) which is held every four years in a different country
eBay = an online website where people buy and sell things worldwide



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Circle T if the statement is true according to the reading, *A Book Review*. Circle F if the statement is false.

1. T / F The author wants to enrich his life.
2. T / F The author wants to accomplish many things.
3. T / F The author wants to win a prize or an award.
4. T / F The author wants to sing well.
5. T / F The author wants to fly in a space craft.
6. T / F The author wants to live in a good hotel.



7. T / F The author wants to see every country in the world.
8. T / F The author wants to play football in the World Cup.
9. T / F The author wants to speak another language well.

10. T / F The author wants to write a great book.
11. T / F The author wants to buy a lot of things on eBay.
12. T / F The author wants to live to be 100, at least.

