

07. READING

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Spanish speaking candidates often make mistakes with the words above.

- **Have** an effect (collocation).
- I'm very sorry if I've **caused** you problems (something happened because of something else).
- I've **spent** my life studying English (used time doing something).
- I can't **stay** awake in the cinema (remain in a state).
- The news that they were having a baby **made** them very happy (+ adj to become).

Pass the time - to do something to keep busy while waiting.

SHARRON & RICHARD

Here is a section of dialogue to help cement the meaning.

Sharon and Richard are back at Richard's flat...

Sharron: So tell me about yourself, Richard. How did you get that scar on your cheek? I hope it wasn't a bar fight!

Richard: Haha, sort of, well erm when I was younger I went to a really rough school in Leeds, **which had quite bad affect** on me and **caused** me a lot of problems growing up.

Sharron: Like what?



Richard: I **spent** my whole time getting into fights, and I could never stay out of trouble. The news that I'd been accepted into university made me so happy! I couldn't wait to pass the time more productively and get out of there.

Sharron: Does it make you sad to have grown up like that?

Richard: It did, but I couldn't **stay sad** forever!

...Sharron goes and gets more wine from the fridge...

