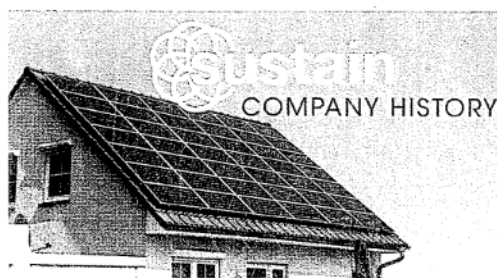


Language focus

5 Sustain is a UK company offering environmentally sustainable solutions to the building industry. Read Sustain's company history and complete sentences 1–6 below.



- YEAR 1** started trading | opened warehouse in Staines | John Gregor named as managing director
- YEAR 2** opened offices in Richmond | bought Housesmart, an interior design company
- YEAR 3** began selling solar panels | started exporting products to Europe
- YEAR 4** started receiving government grants for sustainable development

By the time Sustain reaches its fifth anniversary,

- 1 it _____ for _____ years. (trade)
- 2 John Gregor _____ managing director for _____ years. (be)
- 3 it _____ solar panels for _____ years. (sell)
- 4 it _____ offices in Richmond for _____ years. (have)
- 5 it _____ government grants for _____ years. (receive)
- 6 it _____ Housesmart for _____ years. (own)

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6 Sustain is holding a party next week to celebrate its fifth anniversary. Read the invitation to the party. Complete the sentences about the guests' activities.

- 1 At 7.15, _____
- 2 At 8.00, _____
- 3 At 10.00, _____
- 4 At midnight, _____

7 Read the conversation between Sue, the event planner, and John Gregor. Complete the conversation with the questions she asked. Use the future continuous.

Sue: Mr Gregor, I was wondering whether I could just ask you a few questions so that we can get all the planning right.

John: No problem. What would you like to know?

Sue: Firstly, what time (1) _____?

John: Personally, not until 7.30. I'll miss the cocktails unfortunately.

Sue: And (2) _____ a parking space?

John: No, I won't. I'm coming by train.

Sue: Fine. And how many awards (3) _____?

John: Three. Half an hour should actually be long enough.

Sue: Fine. Just a few practical things. (4) _____ the vegetarian option?

John: No, not for me, thanks.

Sue: OK. And finally, (5) _____ fancy dress?

John: Certainly not. Black tie. But I think some of the younger staff may enjoy dressing up.



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY BALL

5 November
Start 7pm
Huntingdon Hotel*

Bring a guest
Black tie or fancy dress

- 7.00–7.30 Cocktails on the lawn
- 7.30–9.30 Three course dinner (vegetarian options available)
- 9.30–10.30 John Gregor gives company awards
- 10.30–11.30 Jazz band
- 11.30–2.00 Disco

*Hotel parking must be booked in advance, if needed.

Discussion and presentation

8 Work in groups. Sustain would like to expand, but will require a bank loan to do so. You have been asked to make a business plan for years 6–10. Complete the table with your own ideas. Say what you will be doing in each year, and what you will have achieved by your tenth anniversary.

Plan
Year 6
Year 7
Year 8
Year 9
Year 10

9 Present your business plan to the rest of the class. Vote to decide who has the best plan.

Internet research

Search for the keywords *environmentally sustainable solutions* to find out more about changes in the construction business.