

GRAMMAR

Present perfect and past simple

1 Look at the sentences from the recordings on page 90. Which are present perfect and which are past simple?

- 1 She lived in Sweden three years ago.
- 2 She learned Russian last year.
- 3 She's spoken Japanese since she was a baby.
- 4 Did you go to Spain in the holidays?
- 5 I've already finished mine.
- 6 The teacher gave it to us three days ago.

2 Complete the rules with *present perfect* or *past simple*.

- 1 We use the
 - a _____ with words and phrases like *yesterday, ago, last year, in the holidays*.
 - b _____ with words like *since, already, yet, just, ever*.
- 2 We use the
 - a _____ to talk about an action that began in the past but continues into the present.
 - b _____ to talk about someone's general life experiences.
 - c _____ to talk about an action that finished in the past.
 - d _____ to talk about an action that finished in the past, but the result is important or interesting now.

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3 Match the sentences to uses a–d in part 2 of Exercise 2.

- 1 Have you done the German homework yet?
- 2 I've noticed you're all using a good level of vocabulary these days.
- 3 Did you meet anyone interesting?
- 4 I haven't missed any lessons this term.
- 5 She's lived all over the world!
- 6 She hasn't learned much English yet.
- 7 I've just heard some amazing news!
- 8 Our French teacher has won first prize in a competition!
- 9 We had a lesson with her this morning.



4 Complete the text with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

An amazing language learner

Susanna Zaraysky (1) _____ (study) 11 languages (English, Russian, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Croatian, Ladino, Hebrew, Arabic and Hungarian) and speaks eight of them. Susanna (2) _____ (be) born in Russia and first (3) _____ (learn) English when she (4) _____ (move) to California. She (5) _____ (study) French and Spanish at school. Then, one day, she (6) _____ (hear) some tourists speaking in Italian and (7) _____ (decide) to learn that language. Portuguese came next and then all her other languages. Susanna (8) _____ (write) several books and (9) _____ (be) on TV many times. She (10) _____ (have) a special interest in language and music for many years. On her blog, you'll find many interesting articles about this, as well as video clips and language-learning advice.



5 Choose the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

- 1 Yesterday, I *have watched / watched* a swimming competition with my brother.
- 2 I *already bought / have already bought* the tickets for the film tonight.
- 3 I'm in Melbourne, and I *saw / have seen* the beach and the sea.
- 4 My friend John *has watched / watched* the competition with me.
- 5 We *have arrived / arrived* home at eight o'clock in the evening.
- 6 It was a great party. We *have danced / danced* all night and *have eaten / ate* too much food!

6 Complete the conversations with the present perfect or past simple of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: _____ (do) your homework yet, Tania?
B: Yes, I _____ (finish) it an hour ago.
- 2 A: Where _____ (you go) on holiday last summer, Robin?
B: We _____ (go) to New York to visit my sister. She _____ (live) there since 2014.
- 3 A: _____ (you ever eat) curry?
B: Yes, I _____ (have) some yesterday. Delicious!
- 4 A: _____ (you enjoy) the *Toy Story* films when you were little, Sergio?
B: I _____ (never see) any of the *Toy Story* films. But I _____ (like) *Despicable Me*.

7 In pairs, make conversations. Ask a question in the present perfect, and answer in the simple past. Use the conversations in Exercise 6 for ideas.