

# Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous & Simple Past

3 Complete the text. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.

## The history of sport

While people <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) games and <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (do) sport practically since the beginning of time, the rules which participants have had to follow <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (change) over the centuries. Experts, historians and archaeologists, <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (discover) that sport <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a useful way for people to learn how to deal with nature and the environment better. They <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (also see) that as societies <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (develop), sport and games have too. Archaeologists <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (study) cave paintings for years now and they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) many which show athletes doing sport. In France, the paintings show people participating in wrestling and running about 17,300 years ago, and in Libya, in the Cave of Swimmers, evidence <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (show) people taking part in competitive swimming. Although experts <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not answer) all the questions about why people play games and do sport yet, they <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (prove) that nobody can argue about their importance in human history.



3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 I **just put on** / **have just put on** my football kit.
- 2 Maria **has already scored** / **already scored** five points!
- 3 **Did they spend** / **Have they spent** their holiday hiking in Greece last summer?
- 4 Theo **has taken** / **took** tennis lessons in 2005.
- 5 My friend **has been** / **was** at a rugby match two days ago.
- 6 I **didn't watch** / **haven't watched** an ice hockey game so far.
- 7 Last week Helen and Iris **went** / **have gone** to the new sports arena.
- 8 He can't play squash because he still **didn't buy** / **hasn't bought** a racket.
- 9 **Did you ever see** / **Have you ever seen** a rugby game?
- 10 We **have waited** / **waited** at the golf course for two hours ... where were you?



4 Complete the dialogues. Use the past simple or the present perfect simple.

- 1 A: Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to a boxing match!  
B: Oh, I \_\_\_\_\_ (already be) to two boxing matches.
- 2 A: Do you know that Joe \_\_\_\_\_ (work) at the sports arena for fifteen years?  
B: Really? I thought he \_\_\_\_\_ (start) working there five years ago.
- 3 A: \_\_\_\_\_ (you / ever meet) a famous athlete?  
B: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Laila Ali box.  
A: Wow! I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) her father, Muhammad Ali, fight once. Sadly, he doesn't box anymore.
- 4 A: Tony \_\_\_\_\_ (break) his leg!  
B: Really? How \_\_\_\_\_ (it happen)?  
A: He \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) while he was skiing.
- 5 A: Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the flat and \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) my bike to the gym. Then I \_\_\_\_\_ (realise) that I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) my trainers with me.  
B: Oh, no! That \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to me before. What \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?  
A: I \_\_\_\_\_ (call) Mum to bring them to me.
- 6 A: How long ago \_\_\_\_\_ (you / begin) coaching baseball?  
B: Ten years ago. I \_\_\_\_\_ (recently take) a team to the national finals ... and we \_\_\_\_\_ (win)!

