

Present perfect and past simple contrast

I can use the past simple and present perfect tenses correctly.

1 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Fran **went** / **has gone** ballroom dancing last night.
- 2 Did you finish / **Have you finished** vlogging yet?
- 3 I **had** / **have had** this camera for over a year.
- 4 I **read** / **have read** the whole magazine in an hour.
- 5 Sam isn't hungry because he **already ate** / **has already eaten**.
- 6 Did you go / **Have you been** cycling last weekend?

2 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I didn't go rollerblading before. Is it fun?

- 2 I've fallen over while I was ice skating.

- 3 Did Jasmine text you yet?

- 4 Dan has gone bowling on his birthday.

- 5 I didn't go camping since last summer.

3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple in one sentence and the present perfect in the other.

- 1 a I _____ skateboarding lots of times. (go)
b Katie _____ shopping yesterday. (go)
- 2 a When _____ you _____ that cake? (bake)
b I _____ cakes since I was ten. (bake)
- 3 a Joe loves karate. He _____ it for ages. (do)
b I _____ ballet for a year, but I gave it up. (do)
- 4 a *Northern Lights* is a great book. _____ you _____ it? (read)
b I _____ four novels last month. (read)

4 USE OF ENGLISH Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets and the past simple or present perfect. You will need to add other words.

- 1 I can still remember my tenth birthday party. (never)
I have never forgotten my tenth birthday party.
- 2 Tomorrow, Jason will go horse riding for the first time. (never)
Jason _____ horse riding before.
- 3 I haven't played table tennis for a year. (ago)
I last _____.
- 4 Tom has just texted me. (a moment ago)
Tom _____.
- 5 The last time I vlogged was a year ago. (for)
I _____ a year.
- 6 Is this your first time at this gym? (ever)
_____ before?
- 7 My brother has collected stamps since he was six. (collecting)
My _____ when he was six.



5 Complete the interview with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Interviewer When ¹ _____ you _____ (start) rollerblading?

Tiffany I first ² _____ (go) rollerblading when I was nine. I ³ _____ (stop) for a few years, then I ⁴ _____ (take) it up again when I was in my teens.

Interviewer How often do you practise?

Tiffany As often as I can. But it ⁵ _____ (be) very wet recently, so I ⁶ _____ (not be able) to get out on the streets much, which is very frustrating.

Interviewer Who are your favourite rollerbladers?

Tiffany I love watching Chris Haffey. I ⁷ _____ (always / admire) him. In 2011, he ⁸ _____ (break) the world record for the longest jump – 30 metres!

Interviewer ⁹ _____ you _____ (have) much success in competitions?

Tiffany Yes, I ¹⁰ _____ (win) quite a few competitions. I ¹¹ _____ (come) first in the 2014 Street Rollerblading Open Championship.

Interviewer That's fantastic!