

Present perfect simple or past simple?

NICK Have you seen Ben?

TOM Yes, I saw him about ten minutes ago.

NICK Where did you see him?

TOM In the park. He was arguing with Jason.

NICK Jason? But he's twice as big as Ben. Have you ever had an argument with him?

TOM I once had a fight with him and two other boys.

NICK Did you win?

TOM No, I lost. But it wasn't a fair fight.

Later . . .

NICK Ben! Are you all right? What's happened? You've torn your trousers, and you've lost all your buttons.

BEN Well, I've only lost a few buttons, but Jason has lost the fight.

This week in BA.

Use the words provided to write one sentence in the present perfect and one sentence simple past about each picture.

Mr Curtis

broke his nose

Saturday



Mr Curtis has broken his nose. (Present Perfect)

Mr Curtis broke his nose on Saturday. (Past Simple)

1 The milkman

have

accident

Monday



2 Sam

marry

Joan

Saturday



3 A thief

steal

Sue's bag

Monday





4 A new restaurant open yesterday



5 Jimmy win the lottery Friday



6 Pim lose her cat Thursday

Have you ever . . . ?

Make dialogues with your partner. Use the information in the table.

YOU Have you ever been to Spain?

PARTNER Yes, I have.

YOU When did you go there?

PARTNER I went there two years ago.

Action	What/Where?	When?		Action	What/Where?	When?
<i>go</i>	to Spain	two years ago		<i>visit</i>	The Iguazú falls	in 2027
<i>see</i>	The Tower of London	in 2015		<i>eat</i>	lasagna	yesterday
<i>watch</i>	MasterChef	last night		<i>drink</i>	lemonade	last summer
<i>read</i>	Hamlet	two moths ago		<i>play</i>	cards	yesterday
<i>hear</i>	a radio play	last year		<i>meet</i>	an actress	two months ago

YOU: Have you ever _____?

PARTNER Yes, I have.

YOU When did you _____?

PARTNER I _____

YOU: Have you ever _____?

PARTNER Yes, I have.

YOU When did you _____?

PARTNER I _____

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PARTNER Yes, I have.

YOU When did you _____?

PARTNER I _____

I haven't written for a long time . . .

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

Dear Jenny,

I'm sorry I haven't written (not write) for a long time.

I got (get) your last letter in July. A lot of things 1 (happen) since then.

In August we 2 (go) on holiday to Spain. It was great! I 3 (never have) such a good time. I 4 (even learn) a few words of Spanish.

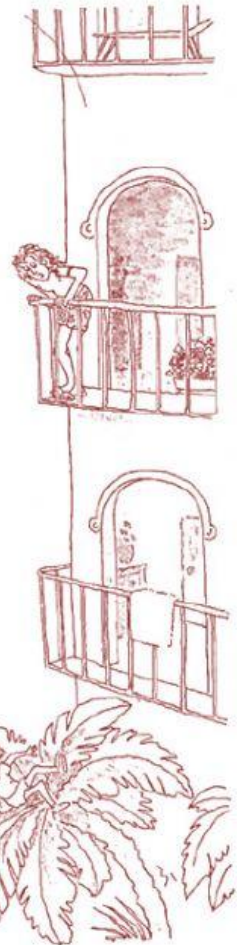
Only two bad things 5 (happen) there. I 6 (lose) my new camera, and my sister 7 (fall) off our hotel balcony and 8 (land) in a palm tree. She almost 9 (destroy) the poor tree. I 10 (send) you a postcard from Granada. 11 (you get) it?

In September I 12 (start) at my new school. I 13 (already make) a lot of new friends.

One more bit of news: I 14 (paint) my room - bright orange! Mum and Dad aren't too happy, but my friends think it's great.

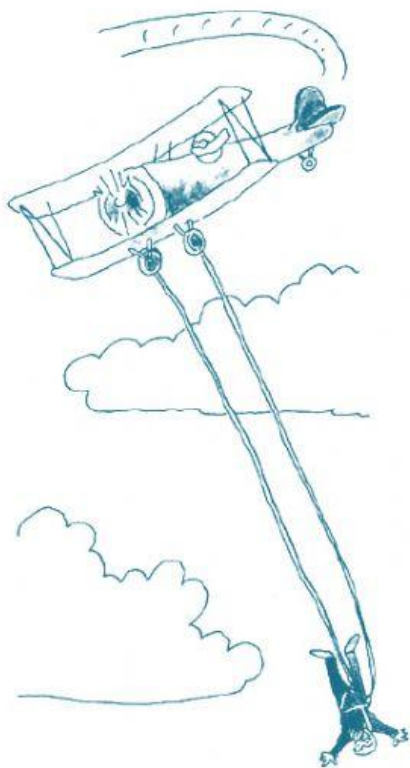
Please write soon.

Much love, *Sandra*



Daring Tim, the stunt man

Nick is talking to Daring Tim, the stunt man. Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or the past simple of the verbs in brackets.



NICK Dirk, how long have you been (you be) a stunt man?

TIM For about ten years now.

NICK And how did you become (you become) a stuntman in the first place?

TIM Well, that's a long story. One night about ten years ago I _____ (stop) a fight in a bar. Jake, who is now my boss, _____ (see) me in action and _____ (offer) me a job with his stunt team. I _____ (take) it.

NICK _____ (you ever jump) from a plane?

TIM Yes, lots of times. Hanging upside down from a plane is nothing special.

NICK _____ (you ever have) a serious accident?

TIM Yes.

NICK When _____? (it happen) and what _____ (happen)?

TIM Four years ago, I _____ (jump) off a building onto a trampoline. I _____ (miss) the trampoline. I _____ (break) my nose, both arms and both legs.

NICK What's the most dangerous stunt that you _____ (ever do)?

TIM I think it _____ (be) last year. I _____ (drive) a car over the edge of the Grand Canyon.

NICK _____ (you ever be) married?

TIM Only once. My wife _____ (leave) me after only three months. She couldn't stand the excitement.