

## GRAMMAR ACTIVITY: Simple Past & Present Perfect

**SIMPLE PAST:** usado para ações acabadas e contextualizadas em um momento do passado. Ex: *When I turned 12, my father gave me a second-hand bike.*

**PRESENT PERFECT:** ações passadas com uma relação com o presente. É usado em duas situações:

- para ações que embora já tenham acontecido, esse momento do passado não é determinado. Ex: *I have seen this movie three times.*
- para ações que começaram em um momento do passado e continuam no presente. Ex: *The temperature of sea water has risen in the last decades.*

Compare:

- *She has worked here for 3 years.* (ela ainda trabalha aqui)
- *She worked here for 3 years.* (ela trabalhou aqui por 3 anos, mas não trabalha mais)

### 1. Complete these sentences with these verbs: WERE / WAS / IS / HAS BEEN / HAVE BEEN / BECOME / HAVE BECOME.

In 2009 eight prisons \_\_\_\_\_ closed in the Netherlands due to the lack of criminals. There are two reasons why prisons \_\_\_\_\_ unprofitable in the last decades. Firstly, the crime rate in the Netherlands \_\_\_\_\_ on a steady decline since 2004. Furthermore, there \_\_\_\_\_ a decrease in major crimes.

### 2. Complete these sentences with a form of the verbs in parentheses.

#### Global Warming

For 2.5 million years, the earth's climate \_\_\_\_\_ (fluctuate) , cycling from ice ages to warmer periods. But in the last century, the planet's temperature \_\_\_\_\_ (rise) unusually fast, about 1.2 to 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit. Scientists believe it's human activity that's driving the temperatures up, a process known as global warming. Ever since the industrial revolution \_\_\_\_\_ (begin), factories, power plants and eventually cars \_\_\_\_\_ (burn) fossil fuels such as oil and coal, releasing huge amounts of carbon dioxide and other gases into the atmosphere.

### 3. Complete the paragraph below using the Present Perfect or the Simple Past Tense of the verbs in parentheses.

Many teenagers around the world \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to MP3 music since they were very young. Today, young people are interested in digital music which \_\_\_\_\_ (exist – negative.) in their parents' generation. Digital music \_\_\_\_\_ (be) around for a long time now and, fifteen years ago, no one \_\_\_\_\_ (think) that it would become so popular. It is almost impossible to think of buying CDs today.

### 4. Complete the dialogue with these verb forms. One WILL NOT be used: WENT / BEEN / HAVE / SLEPT / VISITED / SEEN / DID

A: \_\_\_\_\_ you ever watched a ballet?

B: I've already \_\_\_\_\_ Municipal Theater but I've never \_\_\_\_\_ any ballet performance. What about you?

A: Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ to see one last month.

B: \_\_\_\_\_ you like it?

A: No, I didn't like it very much. In fact I slept during all the performance.