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14 33 **Read the telephone conversation between Marcus and his dad. Then put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple* or the *present perfect*. Listen and check.**

Marcus: Hey, Dad!
Dad: Hello, Marcus! Are you enjoying your holiday in Egypt?
Marcus: Oh, yes! I'm having a wonderful time.
Dad: 1) ..Have you been.. **(you/be)** to the Valley of the Kings yet?
Marcus: No, I haven't. But I 2) ..... **(already/visit)** the Great Pyramids. They were beautiful!
Dad: What else 3) ..... **(you/do)** so far?
Marcus: Hmm..let's see. I 4) ..... **(walk)** around the local Egyptian markets three days ago and I 5) ..... **(go)** on a Nile River cruise last night.
Dad: Great! How's the food there?
Marcus: I 6) ..... **(already/try)** the traditional Egyptian food and it was very good.
Dad: What are your plans for the rest of the week?
Marcus: I 7) ..... **(not/see)** the Sphinx and I 8) ..... **(not/visit)** the Egyptian Museum yet, so I would really like to do those things by the end of the week.
Dad: Sounds good. Well, I have to go now, Marcus. Call me again soon.
Marcus: OK, Dad! Bye!

15 **Read the letter and write the missing words. Write one word on each line.**

Dear Mum and Dad,

England is great! I have 1) ..just.. come back from a short trip to Cambridge. It's a beautiful city.

Last week, I visited all the tourist attractions in London. I saw Big Ben and Buckingham Palace and took lots of photos. I haven't been to the London Eye 2) ..... but I'm planning to go soon. Two days 3) ....., I had tea at the Savoy Hotel! I have already tried the locak cuisine and I must say that it is delicious.

How 4) ..... everyone at home? Have you done anything interesting lately? 5) ..... you like the postcards I sent you last week? I hope so.

Well, that's all for now. I miss you a lot.

All my love,
Leanne

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Speaking Activity

James is on holiday in Mexico City, Mexico. Look at his notes and in pairs, act out a telephone conversation between James and his mum using the *present perfect* and *past simple*. Use Ex. 14 as a model.

- see the Great Temple **(yet) ✗**
- visit the National Palace **(already) ✓**
- walk around the Zocalo Square **(five days ago) ✓**
- buy souvenirs at the local market **(yet) ✗**
- watch a bullfight at the Plaza de Toros **(yesterday afternoon) ✓**
- try traditional Mexican food **(already) ✓**
- relax by the beach **(yet) ✗**

James: Hey, Mum!
Mum: Hello, James! Are you enjoying your holiday in Mexico City?
James: Oh, yes! I'm having a wonderful time.
Mum: Have you seen the Great Temple yet? etc.

Writing Activity

Imagine you are James. Use the Speaking Activity above to write an email to your friend describing your holiday in Mexico City. Use Ex. 15 as a model.

Dear .....,
My summer holiday in Mexico City has been absolutely perfect so far! .....
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Email soon.
James

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