



**Ed Lynam is hoping to become one of the youngest people to visit every country in the world. The twenty-four-year-old Canadian has visited 150 of them and he hasn't finished (there are plenty more to see)! Planet Discovery talked to him.**

**PD: Tell us about your most exciting experience.**

**EL:** Where to start? I've swum with dolphins off the coast of Ireland, I've played with bears in Romania and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

**PD: Have you ever had any bad experiences?**

**EL:** No, I haven't. Well, I've had some problems with visas. But I've never had any really bad experiences.

**PD: Which countries have you enjoyed most?**

**EL:** I think I've enjoyed Greece and Indonesia most – they're so beautiful. But in every country people have been nice to me. I've met a lot of very kind people, especially in some countries in Africa.

**PD: Have you learned a lot from travelling?**

**EL:** Yes, I have. I've learned that people everywhere are good and basically the same!

**1** Do you think it is better to go on holiday abroad or to stay in your own country?

**2** 9.7 Read the text. How many countries has Ed Lynam visited? Which were his favourite places?

3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of the Present Perfect in the text.

**GRAMMAR** → Present Perfect

+	I've (have) swum with dolphins. He's (has) visited 150 countries. They've (have) learned a lot.	
-	I haven't visited Africa. She hasn't finished the trip. They haven't had problems.	
?	Have you learned a lot? Has he enjoyed Thailand? Have they finished?	Yes, I have./No, I haven't. Yes, he has./No, he hasn't. Yes, they have./No, they haven't. Which countries have you enjoyed most?

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4 What are the Past Simple and Present Perfect forms of these verbs? Are they the same or different?

buy come drink eat forget have look  
meet see sleep travel visit watch write

*buy – bought, bought (the same)*

5 Complete the sentences with the correct Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I've met (meet) people from all over the world.
- 2 My friend, Gio, wrote (write) a travel blog.
- 3 My parents haven't visited (not visit) the United States, but they were (be) to Canada.
- 4 My gran hasn't left (leave) her town!
- 5 Brett hasn't eaten (not eat) Indian food before.

6 Complete the questions with the correct Present Perfect form of the words in brackets. Then ask and answer in pairs. Write down your partner's answers.

- 1 Have you ever been (you/ever/be) to New York?
- 2 How many countries have you visited (you/visit)?
- 3 Have you ever eaten (you/ever/eat) something unusual?
- 4 How many times have you flown (fly) in a plane?
- 5 Have you ever had (you/ever/have) any problems when travelling?

A: *Have you ever been to New York?* B: *No, I haven't.*

7 Use your notes in Exercise 6 to tell the class about your partner.

*Kasia's never been to New York.*

8 Tell the class about a surprising thing you have done in your life.

*I've met/seen/won/lived in/been to/played ...*

**YOUR  
WORLD**