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## History repeats itself

- Present Perfect
- *never, already, just, yet*
- *for, since, and ago*

- Present Perfect and Past Simple
- Word endings
- Agree with me!

### Grammar Present Perfect

#### Positive and negative

- 1 Read about **Sabine Caron**. Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Present Perfect.

be climb have meet not live ride  
see travel not travel start ~~work~~ write

- 2 Complete what Sabine says.

- 1 I've been to a great many countries in my life.
- 2 I've been to the Arctic, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to the Antarctic.
- 3 Jean-Luc and I \_\_\_\_\_ married for many years.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ in the US for quite a few years now.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ dinner with the US President.
- 6 Our son \_\_\_\_\_ recently \_\_\_\_\_ work for a French travel magazine.

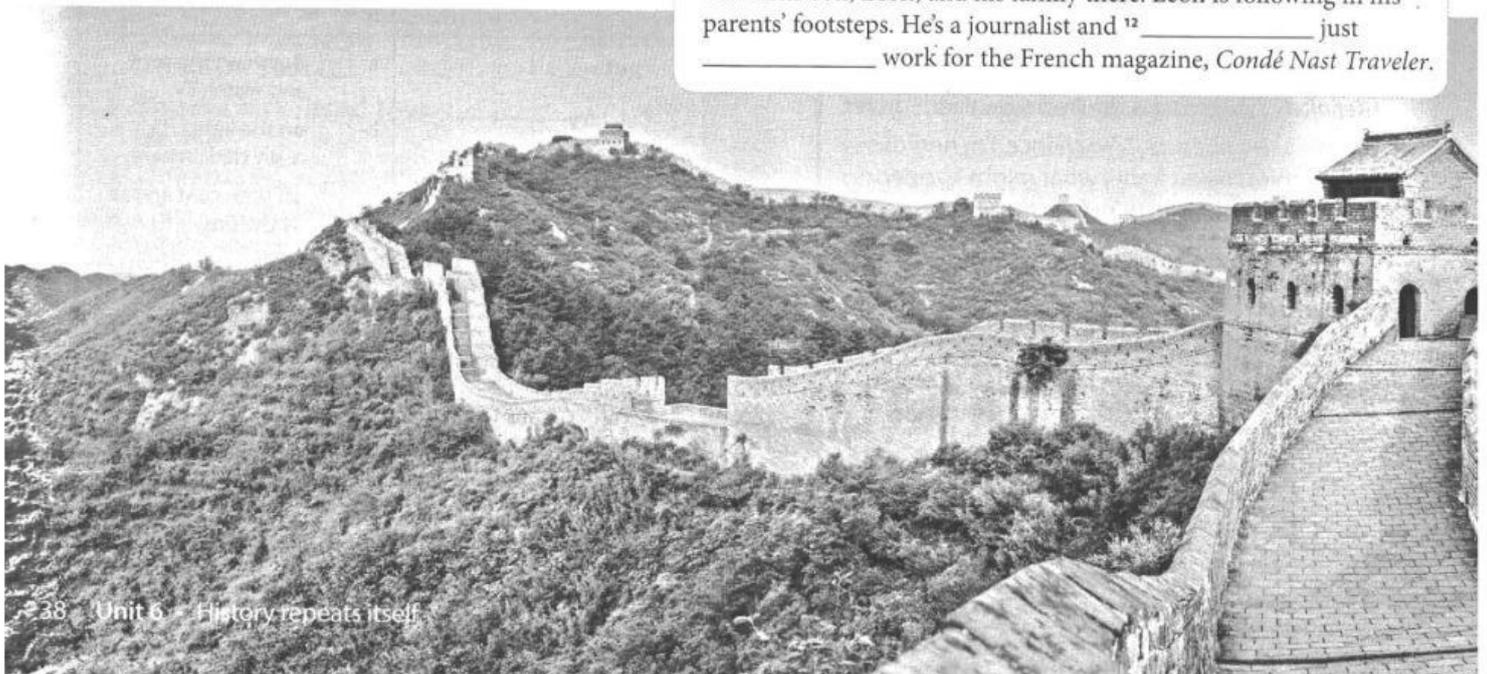
### Sabine Caron *Foreign correspondent and keen traveller*



Sabine Caron is French, but she now lives in the US. She's 60 years old, and she's still as active as ever. She <sup>1</sup> has worked for the newspaper *La Journal Amérique* for over ten years, as their foreign correspondent. She <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ widely in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, but she <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ much in Latin America yet. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ many famous world leaders, including Nelson Mandela and three US presidents. She and her husband, the writer Jean-Luc Caron, are good friends of the French President – they <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dinner together many times, both in Paris and New York.

Her passion is travel. She <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, she <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the Northern Lights in Alaska, and she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a bike along the Great Wall of China. She <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a number of books about her experiences. Her book about walking in the Arctic, *Alone Again*, won an award in 2010.

She <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ married to Jean-Luc for nearly 40 years. They <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in France since 2009, but they often visit their son, Leon, and his family there. Leon is following in his parents' footsteps. He's a journalist and <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ work for the French magazine, *Condé Nast Traveler*.



## Questions and short answers

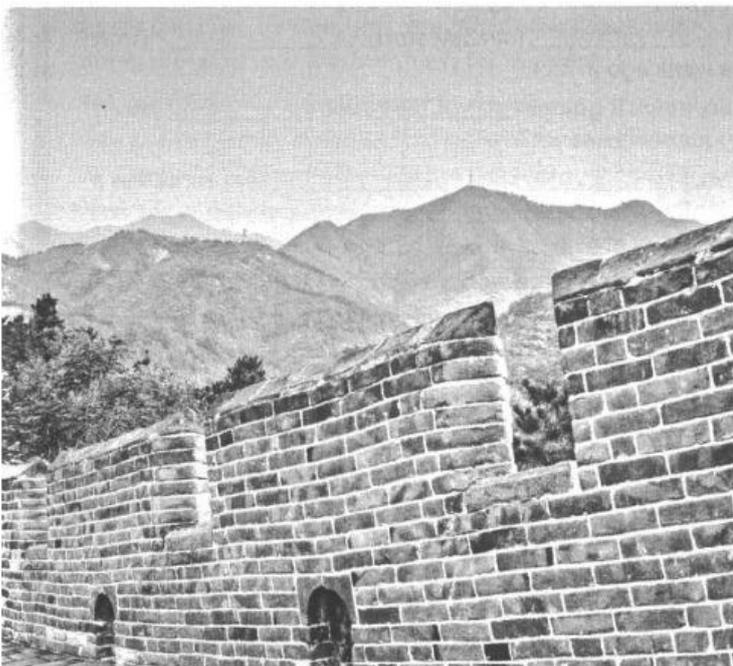
3 You are interviewing Sabine. Complete the questions.

- 1 'How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_  
for the *La Journal Amérique*?'  
'For over ten years.'
- 2 'Which famous people \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_?'  
'Nelson Mandela and the last three US presidents.'
- 3 '\_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ dinner  
with the US President?'  
'No, I haven't! But I have with the French President.'
- 4 'How many books \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_?'  
'Four. They're all about places I've been to.'
- 5 'How long \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ married  
to Jean-Luc?'  
'Nearly 40 years.'

4 Complete the short answers about Sabine and Jean-Luc.

- 1 'Has she been to China?'  
'Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.'
- 2 'Has she ever been to Brazil?'  
'No, \_\_\_\_\_, but she's hoping to go soon.'
- 3 'Has she been married more than once?'  
'No, \_\_\_\_\_. Jean-Luc is the love of her life!'
- 4 'Have she and Jean-Luc visited their son recently?'  
'Yes, \_\_\_\_\_. They went to Paris last month.'
- 5 'Has she had a good life?'  
'Yes, \_\_\_\_\_. It's been a really exciting life.'

🔊 6.1 Listen and check.



## never, already, just, yet

5 Put *never, already, just, or yet* in the right place in B's lines.

- 1 A There's a good film on at the cinema. Would you like to see it?  
B That's a nice idea, but I've seen it.
- 2 A You look awful! What's the matter?  
B I've had the most terrible news!
- 3 A Where's my white T-shirt?  
B I haven't washed it. Sorry.
- 4 A Istanbul is just amazing, isn't it?  
B I don't know. I've been there.
- 5 A Don't forget to phone Tony about Saturday.  
B I've spoken to him. He knows all about it.

🔊 6.2 Listen and check.

## for, since, and ago

6 Complete the sentences with *for, since, or ago*.

- 1 I've known Justin \_\_\_\_\_ we were at school together.
- 2 We met 20 years \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Where have you been? I haven't seen you \_\_\_\_\_ ages!
- 4 I haven't played tennis \_\_\_\_\_ a while.
- 5 I've been on a diet \_\_\_\_\_ March.
- 6 Once upon a time, a long time \_\_\_\_\_, there was a sad princess.

7 Write the correct answer, **a** or **b**.

- 1 I've been a student of English \_\_\_\_\_.  
a since three years    b for three years
- 2 How long \_\_\_\_\_ Peter?  
a have you known    b do you know
- 3 The last time I had a holiday was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a for a year    b a year ago
- 4 I lived with my parents \_\_\_\_\_.  
a until I was 16    b since I was a child
- 5 I've lived with my parents \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ten years ago    b all my life
- 6 I haven't had anything to eat \_\_\_\_\_.  
a ten hours ago    b since breakfast

## Present Perfect and Past Simple

- 8 Which sentence, **a** or **b** means that Paulo still works as a waiter?
- a Paulo worked as a waiter for two months.  
b Paulo's worked as a waiter for two months.
- 9 Rewrite the sentences using the Past Simple and the time expression in brackets.
- I've already seen that film. (yesterday)  
I saw it yesterday.
  - We've arrived in Moscow. (at six o'clock)  
We \_\_\_\_\_ here \_\_\_\_\_.
  - She's bought a new bag. (last week)  
She \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Damien's written a novel. (two years ago)  
He \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - They've been to Japan before. (in 2014)  
They \_\_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_\_.
  - She's just begun learning French. (after her holiday in Nice)  
She \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I've lost my phone. (last night)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We've lived in New York. (when we were first married)  
We \_\_\_\_\_ there \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I've worked in Italy. (from 2011 to 2018)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We've already had dinner. (before we left home)  
We \_\_\_\_\_ a curry \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 Correct the mistakes in these sentences.
- I haven't seen that new film already.
  - Jim hasn't yet retired.
  - He works in the same school for 20 years.
  - I have studied at this school for September.
  - My grandfather died since ten years.
  - He has lived in London until he died last year.
  - Dave's not here. He's been to Spain on holiday.
  - You look suntanned! Where have you gone?
  - I can't believe I've left school ten years ago.
  - I haven't spoken to Alice since months.

- 11 Put the verbs in the correct tense, Past Simple or Present Perfect.

- 1 **A** Who are the people in the photo?  
**B** They're my cousins in Australia. *Their* mum is my mum's big sister.  
**A** Oh! <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ (be) there long?  
**B** Yeah! For years. They <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (go) before I was born.  
**A** So, <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (ever, meet) them?  
**B** Yeah! Once! They <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come) over to England when I was about five – but I can't remember much about it.  
**A** <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your mum \_\_\_\_\_ (ever, visit) them?  
**B** Yeah, she <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (fly) over to Sydney two years ago when my aunt was ill.  
**A** Is your aunt OK now?  
**B** She's fine. I'd love to visit them one day!

- 2 **A** Jake, <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (ever, live) on your own?  
**J** Yes, of course I have!  
**A** When <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) that?  
**J** When I was studying in Edinburgh. I <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (have) my own flat there. Why?  
**A** Well, I'm going to work in Spain next year, and I'm a bit worried. I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (always, live) at home.  
I <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (never even, cook) a meal for myself!  
**J** Don't worry! You'll learn.

- 3 **A** Hey, Beth! It's been ages! When do you start your new job?  
**B** I <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (already, start). I <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (start) a week ago in fact.  
**A** So, how's it going? <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) your new boss yet?  
**B** No, I <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_! She <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) abroad at a conference. She <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (get back) last night, so I'll meet her today.  
**A** And do you like the work so far?  
**B** It's early days! I <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not decide) yet.  
**A** Well, good luck! Let me know how it goes!

6.3 Listen and check.

