Dialogue: Herman

Fill in the blanks with the correct Present Perfect Simple form of the irregular verbs in parentheses. Use contractions for negative forms (e.g., *haven't seen*) and never where appropriate.



Adam: Hi, Mr. Herman! I'm writing a story for school about amazing lives. You're really old, so you must have done a lot of cool things!

Herman: Well, hello there, young man. Haha, yes, I **1.** _____ (live) a long time, and I **2.** _____ (see) many wonders in my life.

Adam: Wow! Have you ever climbed a volcano?

Herman: No, I **3.** _____ (not / go) up a volcano, but I **4.** _____ (swim) in three different oceans, and I **5.** _____ (ride) a camel in Egypt! It was a beautiful experience.

Adam: That's so cool! I **6.** _____ (never / think) about riding a camel, but I guess it would be like riding a horse. My dad has a motorcycle. I can't stand him having one. They're so dangerous. Have you ever crashed one?

Herman: Fortunately, no. I **7.** _____ (not / break) any bones in my life. But I **8.** _____ (fall) off a horse once or twice! Fortunately, I didn't break any bones. I only sprained my ankle both times.

Adam: Did it hurt?

Herman: A little, but I **9.** _____ (forget) the pain by now. Now, I'm going to sound very old. In my life, I **10.** _____ (meet) four presidents and I **11.** _____ (shake) hands with Elvis.

Adam: Incredible! What was he like?

Herman: He was very polite. It was just a brief encounter after he was leaving a hotel.

Adam: Have you ever met a famous writer? Or better question, have you ever written a book?

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Herman: No, I **12.** _____ (not / write) any books. I **13.** _____ (never / find) the time or skill to write a book. However, I **14.** _____ (do) voice acting for a few audio books.

Adam: Really?

Herman: Yeah! After I finished my European adventures as a student in my 20s, I decided to try a few different jobs.

Adam: Have you been to Italy?

Herman: Absolutely! I had to go to Italy! The food is amazing! I **15.** _____ (eat) at some incredible places in my life, but Italy is at the top! Don't ask me about my Italian! I **16.** _____ (not / speak) Italian since 1985, so I **17.** _____ (lose) most of my vocabulary!

Adam: I study Italian at my school. My teacher says learning languages is important, but loving a language is even better! Fortunately, she **18.** _____ (not / give) us any Italian homework yet. What else have you done?

Herman: Well, I **19.** _____ (build) my own house with my own two hands. And I **20.** _____ (grow) giant pumpkins in my garden. But I **21.** _____ (not / win) any prizes for them yet.

Adam: A house?! That's impressive! What about camping?

Herman: Many times! But I **22.** _____ (not / lose) my sense of adventure. Though, I must admit, I **23.** _____ (not / sleep) in a tent for thirty years. My back prefers a real bed now.

Adam: Yeah, tents are hard. Well, Mr. Herman, you **24.** _____ (tell) me some awesome stories. I **25.** _____ (not / choose) a title for my school project yet, but I think I'll call it "The Legend of Herman."



Herman: *[Laughs]* I am honored, Adam. I'm glad I **26.** _____ (not / keep) all these memories to myself! Oh and one more thing! Only one of my stories is true!

Adam: What??

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