

LET'S CHECK

1 Complete the sentences with the present perfect or the simple past.

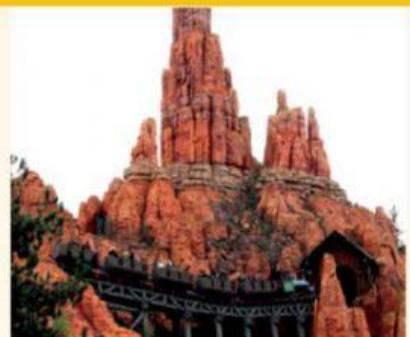
Answer

- a I (not go) haven't been to the gym recently.
- b I (never break) _____ a bone.
- c My mom (call) _____ me a few hours ago.
- d I (not see) _____ my friends much lately.
- e I (already book) _____ next year's vacation.
- f I (hate) _____ swimming when I was a kid.
- g My great-grandfather (do) _____ military service.
- h I (not finish) _____ this exercise yet.

Read the story. The verbs (1-12) are all in the past progressive. Change them to the simple past if necessary.

The most exciting experience I ever had was at Disney World in Florida. I was on vacation with my family, and we (1) **were celebrating** my parents' 25th wedding anniversary. It was a typical Florida day – the sky was blue, the sun (2) **was shining**, and everybody (3) **was having** a great time.

As I watched the roller coaster, I thought to myself, "Those people must be crazy." Just then, my brother (4) **was coming** up to me. He (5) **was holding** two passes. "I'm going on the roller coaster," he said, "and you're coming, too." I've never done anything dangerous or exciting in my life. So I don't know why I (6) **was agreeing** to go on the roller coaster, but five minutes later I (7) **was holding** onto my seat, 35 meters in the air, sure that I was about to die. The ride (8) **was seeming** to go on forever. But finally it (9) **was stopping**, and we got off. My head was spinning, but I felt really happy. Maybe I was just glad to be alive! Later, we looked at the pictures from the day. The roller coaster pictures were hilarious. Everybody (10) **was laughing** and waving their arms in the air. That is, everybody except me! I was holding on, and (11) **was screaming**. I've never been so terrified in my life, but I'm glad I (12) **was doing** it.



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