

PAST SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT

A Read the dialogue and put the verbs in brackets into either the past simple or present perfect.

- Kate Hey, Olivia. I _____ (1 just / realise) that it's Mum and Dad's wedding anniversary next week.
- Olivia Oh, yes 16th April. What do you reckon we should get them?
- Kate Well, they _____ (2 not go) to the theatre for ages, so we could buy them tickets to a show.
- Olivia But we _____ (3 get) them theatre tickets last year.
- Kate You're right. Well, they _____ (4 not eat) at that new French place. We could book them a table.
- Olivia Oh, come on, you know Dad. I'm sure he wouldn't like French food.
- Kate Yeah, I suppose he is quite fussy about food. Well, they _____ (5 not have) a holiday since last summer. What about paying for them to go abroad for the weekend?
- Olivia No way! That would cost a fortune!
- Kate How about something for the garden?
- Olivia But they _____ (6 go) to the garden centre two weeks ago and _____ (7 buy) lots of plants.
- Kate I could go shopping and buy that DVD ... You know the one with John Malkovich and Helen Mirren.
- Olivia You mean *Red*? But Mum _____ (8 already / see) that three times at the cinema.
- Kate They _____ (9 have) their tennis rackets for years. I _____ (10 hear) Dad complaining about his when they _____ (11 come) back from their game last week. What about new rackets, then?
- Olivia No, they'd be too difficult to choose. There are so many different types.
- Kate Well, Mum _____ (12 say) yesterday that she _____ (13 be) bored with listening to the same music all the time. She _____ (14 not buy) any new CDs for ages. We could order something online.
- Olivia Definitely not! I hate listening to their dreadful music!
- Kate Oh, come on Olivia! I _____ (15 make) loads of suggestions and you _____ (16 not have) any ideas. Why don't YOU decide what to buy them?

B Has anyone done the things below? If they say **Yes**, write their name and then get some extra details.

Have you ever given someone a tip?

Yes, I took a taxi last week and I gave the driver £1.

Find someone who ...	Name	Extra Details
1 has given his / her parents an anniversary gift.		
2 has jumped the queue in a supermarket.		
3 has borrowed money and not given it back.		
4 has bought some clothes without trying them on first.		
5 has received a present he / she didn't like.		
6 has visited Harrods in London.		
7 has given someone a tip.		