

## 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.		