

# Present perfect and past simple contrast

*I can use the past simple and present perfect tenses correctly.*

## 1 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Fran **went** / **has gone** ballroom dancing last night.
- 2 Did you finish / **Have you finished** vlogging yet?
- 3 I **had** / **have had** this camera for over a year.
- 4 I **read** / **have read** the whole magazine in an hour.
- 5 Sam isn't hungry because he **already ate** / **has already eaten**.
- 6 Did you go / **Have you been** cycling last weekend?

## 2 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I didn't go rollerblading before. Is it fun?

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- 2 I've fallen over while I was ice skating.

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- 3 Did Jasmine text you yet?

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- 4 Dan has gone bowling on his birthday.

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- 5 I didn't go camping since last summer.

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## 3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple in one sentence and the present perfect in the other.

- 1 a I \_\_\_\_\_ skateboarding lots of times. (go)  
b Katie \_\_\_\_\_ shopping yesterday. (go)
- 2 a When \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ that cake? (bake)  
b I \_\_\_\_\_ cakes since I was ten. (bake)
- 3 a Joe loves karate. He \_\_\_\_\_ it for ages. (do)  
b I \_\_\_\_\_ ballet for a year, but I gave it up. (do)
- 4 a *Northern Lights* is a great book. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ it? (read)  
b I \_\_\_\_\_ four novels last month. (read)

## 4 USE OF ENGLISH Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets and the past simple or present perfect. You will need to add other words.

- 1 I can still remember my tenth birthday party. (never)  
I have never forgotten my tenth birthday party.
- 2 Tomorrow, Jason will go horse riding for the first time. (never)  
Jason \_\_\_\_\_ horse riding before.
- 3 I haven't played table tennis for a year. (ago)  
I last \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Tom has just texted me. (a moment ago)  
Tom \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 The last time I vlogged was a year ago. (for)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ a year.
- 6 Is this your first time at this gym? (ever)  
\_\_\_\_\_ before?
- 7 My brother has collected stamps since he was six. (collecting)  
My \_\_\_\_\_ when he was six.



## 5 Complete the interview with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Interviewer When <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (start) rollerblading?

Tiffany I first <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) rollerblading when I was nine. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) for a few years, then I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it up again when I was in my teens.

Interviewer How often do you practise?

Tiffany As often as I can. But it <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very wet recently, so I <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be able) to get out on the streets much, which is very frustrating.

Interviewer Who are your favourite rollerbladers?

Tiffany I love watching Chris Haffey. I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (always / admire) him. In 2011, he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (break) the world record for the longest jump – 30 metres!

Interviewer <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) much success in competitions?

Tiffany Yes, I <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (win) quite a few competitions. I <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (come) first in the 2014 Street Rollerblading Open Championship.

Interviewer That's fantastic!