

Grammar | Present Perfect Simple and Past Simple

- 8 a** Work in pairs. Look at the extracts (1-8) from the story on page 15. Does each one use the Present Perfect Simple or the Past Simple?
- 1 Since 1928 they have supplied shoes for Olympic athletes.
 - 2 Adidas has always been more successful than Puma.
 - 3 On 1st July 1924 they formed a shoe company, Dassler Brothers Ltd.
 - 4 Run DMC has even written a song called *My Adidas*.
 - 5 They worked together for many years.
 - 6 The family argument happened ... over sixty years ago.
 - 7 The companies have now been in competition for over sixty years.
 - 8 Ever since it happened ... the town has been split into two.
- b** Read the Active grammar box and choose the correct option to complete the rules. Use the sentences from exercise 8a and the examples to help you.

Active grammar

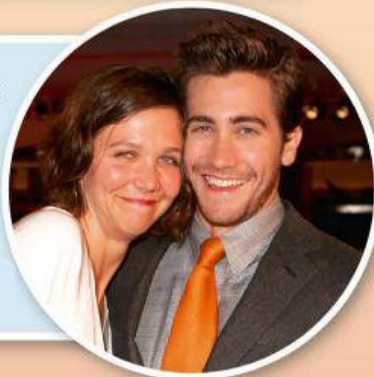
- 1 We use the _____ to talk about actions or states which happened in a finished period of time in the past. There is no connection to now.
- 2 We use _____ with the Past Simple to say when something happened and _____ to talk about the period when something happened.
- 3 We use the _____ to talk about actions or states which happened in a period of time that is connected to now.
- 4 We often use *for* and *since* with the Present Perfect. We use *for* + a _____ of time and *since* + a _____ of time.
- 5 We use *just* with the _____ to show that an action is very recent.
I've just bought some new shoes.
- 6 We use _____ with the Present Perfect Simple to emphasise that a situation has not started. We use _____ to emphasise that a situation has started or an action has finished.
I haven't done the shopping yet.
I've already finished cooking.

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- 9** Read the texts below about other famous brothers and sisters and choose the correct words in *italics*.

Venus and Serena Williams are both famous tennis stars. They (1) _____ each other professionally more than twenty times.

In 2001, the actors Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal (2) _____ together in the film *Donnie Darko*, where they (3) _____ brother and sister.



Penelope Cruz is a world famous actor, but her siblings, Eduardo and Monica are also quite famous. Eduardo (4) _____ several international hits and Monica is a well-known Spanish actor. She would like to star internationally but she (5) _____ English yet.

- 10** Complete the sentences with the time expressions from the box.

ago already for just since yet

- 1 Kylie and Dannii Minogue have been professional performers _____ they were children.
- 2 Kylie's first performance on television took place over thirty years _____.
- 3 Kylie has _____ achieved a lot in her career, but she still seems to have plenty more to offer.
- 4 Kylie hasn't _____ had as much success in America.
- 5 Dannii has been a judge on a TV talent show _____ a few years now.
- 6 Dannii has _____ started a family. She had her first baby last year.

Speaking

- 11** Work in pairs. Do you think it's a good idea to go into business with your friends and family? Why/Why not?