Present perfect vs. Past simple 1

a Read the *Have you ever...?* questions and complete them with the past participle of the **bold** verbs.



b Answer the questions in **a**

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c Read the definition of a *scam*. What kind of scams have you heard of?

scam /skæm/ *n.* a dishonest and illegal way of making money by tricking people, e.g. selling a product online that doesn't exist

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d Read the email. What would you do if you got an email like this? Why?

Subject: Businness opportunity

Dear Friend,

I know this message will be a surprise. I am Naomi Cooper and I work at the International Bank in Lagos, Nigeria. My parents have died last month and left 4.6 million US dollars in there account. I would like to transfer this money out of Nigeria and I am needing your help.

I can to transfer all the money to you in the UK, and you can then keep 20% of the money for yourself (920,000 US dolars) and transfer the rest to an acount in Switzerland. It will be very quick and easy. I would be very grateful if you can do this for me – it's my parents' money and I want to keep him safe for my family.

Please reply to this email as fast as you can – I want organize everything in the next two days.

Thank you in advance for you help.

Naomi Cooper

e Emails like this often have lots of mistakes, especially grammar and spelling. Correct the ten highlighted mistakes.

f Listen to a radio programme about scams.

How much money did Heather, Carl, and Paul each lose?

What's the most important advice the programme gives?

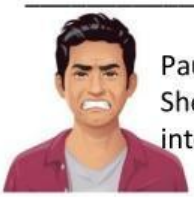
g Listen again. Complete the gaps in the summary of each scam with one or two words.



Heather got an [1]_____ from a friend who was in Berlin. He said he'd lost his [2]_____ and needed money to get home. He asked her to send him her [3]_____ details.



Carl got an email which said he'd won a lot of [4]_____ in the Spanish lottery.He [5]_____ it because he had been on holiday in Spain. They told him to send his [6]_____ details so they could send him the money.



Paul got a [7]_____ from a woman who said she was from his [8]_____. She said there was a problem with his [9]_____. She told him to transfer his money into a [10]_____.

h Have you, or has anybody you know, ever been the victim of a scam? Explain what happened.

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