



1 Read about **Sabine Caron**. Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Present Perfect.

be climb have meet not live ride
see travel not travel start work write

2 Complete what Sabine says.

- 1 I've **been** to a great many countries in my life.
- 2 I've been to the Arctic, but I **haven't** **travelled** to the Antarctic.
- 3 Jean-Luc and I **have** **been** married for many years.
- 4 We **have** **lived** in the US for quite a few years now.
- 5 We **haven't** **had** dinner with the US President.
- 6 Our son **has** **recently** **started** **working** for a French travel magazine.

Sabine Caron

Foreign correspondent and keen traveller

Sabine Caron is French, but she now lives in the US. She's 60 years old, and she's still as active as ever. She ¹ **has worked** for the newspaper *La Journal Amérique* for over ten years, as their foreign correspondent. She ² **has travelled** widely in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, but she ³ **hasn't travelled** much in Latin America yet. She ⁴ **has met** many famous world leaders, including Nelson Mandela and three US presidents. She and her husband, the writer Jean-Luc Caron, are good friends of the French President – they ⁵ **have had** dinner together many times, both in Paris and New York.

Her passion is travel. She ⁶ **has climbed** Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, she ⁷ **has seen** the Northern Lights in Alaska, and she ⁸ **has ridden** a bike along the Great Wall of China. She ⁹ **has written** a number of books about her experiences. Her book about walking in the Arctic, *Alone Again*, won an award in 2010.

She ¹⁰ **has been** married to Jean-Luc for nearly 40 years. They ¹¹ **have lived** in France since 2009, but they often visit their son, Leon, and his family there. Leon is following in his parents' footsteps. He's a journalist and ¹² **has just** **started** **working** for the French magazine, *Condé Nast Traveler*.

Questions and short answers

3 You are interviewing Sabine. Complete the questions.

- 1 'How long **have** you **been** for the *La Journal Amérique*?'
'For over ten years.'
- 2 'Which famous people **have** you **met**?'
'Nelson Mandela and the last three US presidents.'
- 3 ' **Have** you ever **had** dinner with the US President?'
'No, I haven't! But I have with the French President.'
- 4 'How many books **have** you **written**?'
'Four. They're all about places I've been to.'
- 5 'How long **have** you **been** married to Jean-Luc?'
'Nearly 40 years.'

4 Complete the short answers about Sabine and Jean-Luc.

- 1 'Has she been to China?'
'Yes, **she has**'
- 2 'Has she ever been to Brazil?'
'No, **she hasn't**, but she's hoping to go soon.'
- 3 'Has she been married more than once?'
'No, **she hasn't**. Jean-Luc is the love of her life!'
- 4 'Have she and Jean-Luc visited their son recently?'
'Yes, **they have**. They went to Paris last month.'
- 5 'Has she had a good life?'
'Yes, **she has**. It's been a really exciting life!'

5 Rewrite the sentences using the Past Simple and the time expression in brackets.

1 I've already seen that film. (yesterday)

I saw it yesterday.

2 We've arrived in Moscow. (at six o'clock)

We _____ here _____.

3 She's bought a new bag. (last week)

She _____ it _____.

4 Damien's written a novel. (two years ago)

He _____ it _____.

5 They've been to Japan before. (in 2014)

They _____ there _____.

6 She's just begun learning French. (after her holiday in Nice)

She _____.

6 A Hey, Beth! It's been ages! When do you start your new job?

B I¹ _____ (already, start). I² _____ (start) a week ago in fact.

A So, how's it going?³ _____ you _____ (meet) your new boss yet?

B No, I⁴ _____! She⁵ _____ (be) abroad at a conference. She⁶ _____ (get back) last night, so I'll meet her today.

A And do you like the work so far?

B It's early days! I⁷ _____ (not decide) yet.

A Well, good luck! Let me know how it goes!

7. Write the correct tag for these sentences

1 That was a great meal, _____?

2 This isn't the best restaurant in town, _____?

3 We come here a lot, _____?

4 We came here for Tina's birthday, _____?

5 Everyone had a great time, _____?

6 You like the Italian restaurant best, _____?

7 The Indian in the High Street's very good,

8 We've had a lovely evening, _____?

8. Answer these questions about you.

- Where do you live? _____
- How long have you lived there? _____
- Why did you move there? _____
- What do you do? _____
- How long have you worked there? _____