3.4 Grammar

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I've lived in Rio for many years. (a period of time)
They've had this bar since 1970. (a point in time)

Present Perfect and Past Simple

We've been to São Paulo.
We went to São Paulo in 2018.
Have you ever drunk a mango smoothie?
Did you like it?

1 ● Write these words in the correct column.

~~1998~~ a couple of hours a long time five minutes five o'clock four weeks I was a child last weekend ten minutes two years Wednesday yesterday

for – a period of time	*since* – a point in time
	1998

2 ● Complete the sentences with *for* or *since*.

1 We've been here *for* nearly an hour and the train hasn't arrived yet!
2 There has been a juice bar here _____ 2010.
3 We haven't had any homework _____ Monday.
4 Mr Thomas has worked at this school _____ over twenty years.
5 Tom has been at college _____ a few months now and he loves it.
6 I've had this phone _____ last summer.

3 ● Choose the correct option.

1 I *went* / *have been* to New York two years ago.
2 This restaurant *opened* / *has opened* in 2015.
3 We *lived* / *have lived* in this house for two months now, so it's beginning to feel like home.
4 I *knew* / *have known* Paul since I was five years old – he's my best friend.
5 *Did you see* / *Have you seen* Emily yesterday?
6 *Did you ever go* / *Have you ever been* to Paris?

4 ●● Complete the dialogues with the Present Perfect or Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

1 A: *Have you seen* (you/see) the new James Bond film yet?
B: Yes, I _____ (see) it last night.
2 A: I _____ (never/try) pear juice. Is it nice?
B: Yes. I _____ (try) some last summer. It was lovely!
3 A: _____ (you/meet) the new boy in our class yet?
B: Yes, I _____ (meet) him yesterday. He's really nice.
4 A: Jack _____ (not do) his Maths homework. What about you?
B: I _____ (do) it at the weekend. It was quite difficult!

5 ●●● Complete the texts with the Present Perfect or Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

I [1] *went* (go) to the Chinese restaurant in Dalton Street last night. [2] _____ (you/eat) there? The food's really nice. I [3] _____ (have) some tuna which [4] _____ (be) very tasty!

I [5] _____ (try) that restaurant. I [6] _____ (not like) it at all. But that [7] _____ (be) about six months ago.

I think the food [8] _____ (improve) since last year. Two of my friends [9] _____ (eat) there last Saturday and they [10] _____ (never have) a better meal!

6 ●●● Complete the dialogues with one word in each gap.

1 A: [1] *Have* you ever drunk coconut milk?
B: Yes, I [2] _____. I tried it about two years ago, but I [3] _____ like it. I haven't tried it again [4] _____ then.
2 A: Have you [5] _____ to the new Pizza Palace restaurant yet?
B: No, I [6] _____. Where is it?
A: It's on Clarence Street. It's been open [7] _____ about six weeks now.

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