

Grammar 7b

• Present perfect & Past simple

7 Read the box. Are there similar structures in your language?

- We use the **present perfect** for actions which started in the past and continue to the present or for personal experiences.

I've lived here since 2009. He's flown a plane.

- We use the **past simple** for actions which were completed in the past. The time is stated or it is implied. *He went to the cinema last Saturday.* (When? Last Saturday.) *Then they had dinner.* (When? implied time – after they left the cinema.)

8 Put the verbs in brackets into the **present perfect** or the **past simple**.

- Joanne (go) out with her friends last night.
- He (never/eat) caviar.
- They (play) in the team for many years.
- Jeremy (break) his leg twice this year.
- They (try) Greek food before.
- Bill (run) the London Marathon two years ago.
- Susan (fly) a plane for the first time last summer.
- Angie and Ben (live) here since 1997.

9 Write questions. Then answer them.

- you/eat/a banana/today? *Have you eaten a banana today?*
- you/catch/the bus/to school/this morning?
- you/visit/your grandparents/last weekend?
- your friend/send/you/a text message/today?
- you and your friends/go/to the cinema/last night?

10 Ask and answer, as in the example.

- 1 speak to a famous person?/Who? – Justin Bieber

A: *Have you ever spoken to a famous person?*

B: *Yes, I have.*

A: *Who did you speak to?*

B: *I spoke to Justin Bieber.*
- sleep in a tent?/When? – last summer
- run a marathon?/When? – 10 years ago
- eat anything strange?/What? – frogs' legs
- go on a ghost train?/Where? – at Disneyland, Paris

• Question tags

11 a) Study the box. How do we form question tags? Are there similar structures in your language?

Question tags are short questions at the end of a sentence. We form them with the auxiliary verb and a personal pronoun. We use them to confirm sth or to find out if sth is true.

affirmative sentence + negative question tag

He left yesterday, didn't he?

He is late, isn't he?


negative sentence + affirmative question tag

He isn't here, is he?

Intonation: *He's tired, isn't he?* (sure – expects agreement)

He isn't here, is he? (not sure – expects answer)

b) Complete the correct question tag.

 Listen and tick (✓). Then repeat.

		
1 She can't come,?		
2 He hasn't called yet,?		
3 Jane is here,?		
4 You like snails,?		
5 They went to Paris last month,?		
6 He's sleeping now,?		