

## 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**.

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

#### 9 Write questions. Then answer them.

- 1 you/eat/a banana/today? *Have you eaten a banana today?*
- 2 you/catch/the bus/to school/this morning?
- 3 you/visit/your grandparents/last weekend?
- 4 your friend/send/you/a text message/today?
- 5 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.*
- 2 sleep in a tent?/When? – last summer
- 3 run a marathon?/When? – 10 years ago
- 4 eat anything strange?/What? – frogs' legs
- 5 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,	✓	✓