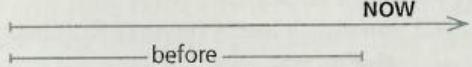
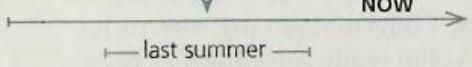
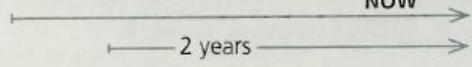
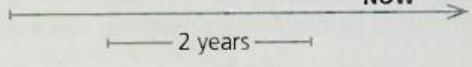
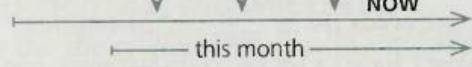
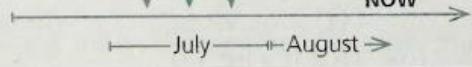


54 Present perfect or past simple?



1 Use

PRESENT PERFECT	PAST SIMPLE
<p>to talk now about finished actions in the past, when we don't know the time or it isn't important:</p> <p><i>I've been to that beach before.</i></p> 	<p>to talk now about finished actions that happened at a definite time in the past:</p> <p><i>I went to that beach last summer.</i></p> 
<p>to talk now about situations that started in the past and are still continuing:</p> <p><i>James has worked at the gym for two years.</i></p>  <p>= He is working there now.</p>	<p>to talk now about situations that started and finished in the past:</p> <p><i>James worked at the gym for two years.</i></p>  <p>= He isn't working there now.</p>
<p>to talk about one or more finished actions in a time period that is still continuing:</p> <p><i>We've had three yoga lessons this month.</i></p>  <p>with time expressions: ever, never, just, yet, already, since, for, this week/month/year</p>	<p>to talk about finished actions in a time period that is past:</p> <p><i>We had three yoga lessons in July.</i></p>  <p>with time expressions: yesterday, in the summer/June/2007, ago, last week/month/year, for</p>

⚠ It is sometimes difficult to hear /v/ in *I've, we've, you've, they've* and /s/ in *he's* and *she's*.

PAST SIMPLE *I finished work.* He started early. We carried the bags.
 PRESENT PERFECT *I've finished work.* He's started early. We've carried the bags.

The other words around the verb can usually help you to understand which form you hear:
I finished work an hour ago.
I've finished my work.

Practice

1 Match each sentence 1–4 with A or B.

0 Emma has lived with us for ——————
two years. A She's still living with us.
B She doesn't live with us anymore.

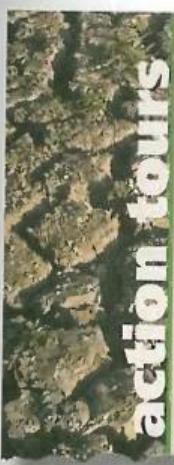
1 Kieran lived in Tokyo for
six months. A He still lives there.
B He doesn't live there now.

2 I didn't go to the Tutankhamun
exhibition when it was on. A It's finished and I missed it.
B I am planning to visit it soon.

3 I haven't seen Alex this morning.
A It's too late to see him now.
B I hope I will see him before the morning ends.

4 Lucy has been to Toronto.
A She's still in Toronto.
B She went there for a holiday in 2007.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Choose the correct words in *italics* in the text.



ACTION TOURS is a small, friendly company and we (0) *have provided* / provided many different specialist activity holidays for people since we started. We (1) *have begun* / began in 2006 with only two types of holiday, but we (2) *have grown* / grew every year since then and can now offer a wide range of tours.

Our most popular holidays are skiing and cycling. Our main ski trainer, Jules, (3) *has taught* / taught skiing for nearly twenty years. Suraya is our cycling tour leader – she (4) *has taken* / took part in the National Championships three times and she (5) *has finished* / finished fifth last year.

This year we (6) *have organised* / organised over twenty activity holidays – already more than we (7) *have done* / did last year, when we (8) *have provided* / provided a total of eighteen. Take a look at our website ...

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation. Use the verbs in the correct tense.

OFFICIAL Here are the details. Now, (0) *have you entered* ... (you / enter) a long-distance swimming race before?

DARRYL Yes, (1) (I / have). (2) (I / do) two.

OFFICIAL When (3) (you / do) those?

DARRYL In 2005 and 2008.

OFFICIAL And (4) (you / complete) both of them?

DARRYL Yes, (5) (I / do). I (6) (finish) them both easily.

OFFICIAL Good. Now, let's talk about your training for this race ...

4 Use the words below to write information about yourself.

1 join a club? / kind of club? / member since? / why join?

I've joined a tennis club. I've been a member since July. I joined it because I love tennis!

2 go on an activity holiday? / kind of holiday? / when? / where to?

3 ever visited a foreign country? / how many? / where?