



Detective Where were you at twelve o'clock last night?

Suspect You've **already** **asked** me that question.

Detective And you **haven't** **answered** it yet.



Suspect I'm nervous. I **haven't** **talked** to a detective **before**.

Detective Well, you've **just** **talked** to me, and I'm a detective. So now you **have** **talked** to a detective.

The present perfect with **already**, **yet**, **just** and **before**

 **Already**, **yet**, **just** and **before** can all mean 'at some time up to now'. We often use them with the present perfect.

We use **yet** to talk about something we expect. It often comes at the end of the sentence. We only use **yet** in questions and negative sentences.

*You haven't answered it **yet**?*

*Have you answered it **yet**?*

Before means 'at any time up to the present'. It often comes at the end of the sentence.

*I haven't talked to a detective **before**.*

We use **already** to say that we are surprised that something has happened sooner than we expected.

*You've **already** **asked** me that question.* OR
*You've **asked** me that question **already**.*

Just means 'very close to the time now'. We can use it to talk about something that has happened very recently. The affirmative form is subject + **have/has + just + past participle**.

*You've **just** **talked** to me.*

We form questions with **have/has + subject + just + past participle**.

*Have you **just** **talked** to him?*

6 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 The curtain has **just** / **yet** gone up.
- 2 He hasn't played chess **before** / **already**.
- 3 They've **painted** **just** / **just painted** the set.
- 4 Have you shown the script to him **yet** / **yet the script to him**?
- 5 You haven't given the books to them **just** / **yet**.
- 6 Have you ever acted **before** / **just**?

7 Complete the sentences and questions. Use the present perfect.

1 you / go / to America / before / ?

Have you been to America before?

2 you / already / act / in four plays

3 I / see / the film / before

4 I / already / go / to five different countries

5 you / speak / to an English person / before / ?

6 you / eat breakfast / already / ?

7 I / never / act / before

8 they / already / paint / the stage / ?

8 Complete the questions and answers. Use **yet** and **just**.

1 she / meet her new drama teacher

Has she met her new drama teacher **yet**? Yes, **she's just met** her.

2 they / speak to the actors

Yes, _____ to them.

3 she / buy the costumes

Yes, _____ them.

4 the children / paint the stage

Yes, they _____ it.

5 the actors / finish their costumes

Yes, _____ them.

6 she / washed her hair

Yes, _____ it.

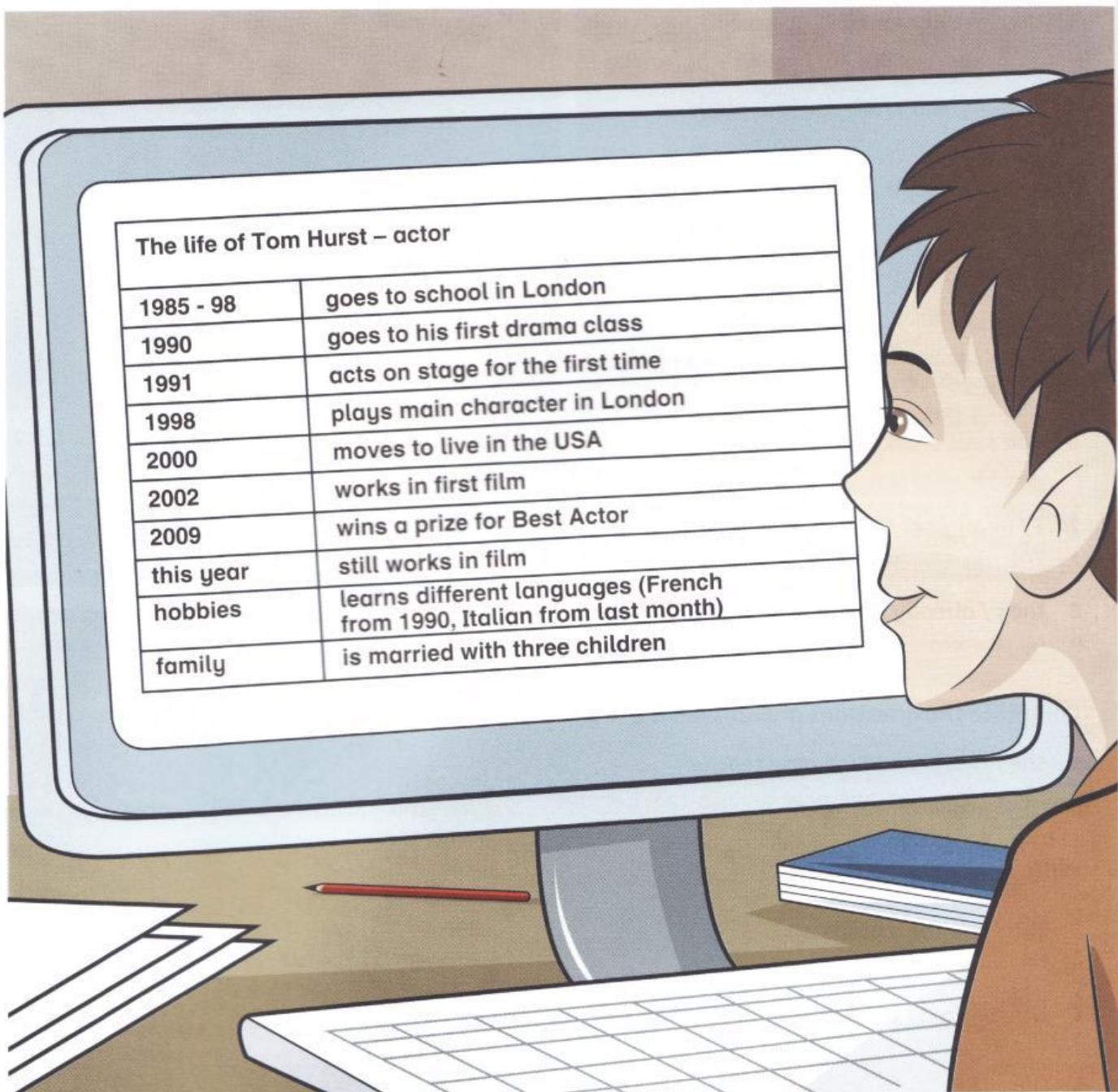
7 they / open the curtains

Yes, they _____.

8 the play / finish

Yes, it _____.

9 Look at the text. Write questions with the present perfect or past simple.



The life of Tom Hurst – actor

1985 - 98	goes to school in London
1990	goes to his first drama class
1991	acts on stage for the first time
1998	plays main character in London
2000	moves to live in the USA
2002	works in first film
2009	wins a prize for Best Actor
this year	still works in film
hobbies	learns different languages (French from 1990, Italian from last month)
family	is married with three children

- 1 (Tom / go) Did Tom go to school in London from 1985 to 1998?
- 2 (he / go) _____ to his first drama class in 1990?
- 3 In 1998, (Tom / act) _____ in Paris?
- 4 (he / live) _____ in Spain since 2000?
- 5 (Tom / won) _____ a prize for acting yet?
- 6 (he / start) _____ to learn French in 1990?
- 7 (he / just start) _____ to learn Italian?
- 8 (Tom / have) _____ three children already?

10 Look at exercise 9. Answer the questions.

- 1 Yes, he did. He went to school in London from 1985 to 1998.
- 2 _____ to his first drama class in 1990.
- 3 _____ in London in 1998.
- 4 _____ in the USA since 2000.
- 5 _____ a prize for acting in 2009.
- 6 _____ to learn French in 1990.
- 7 _____ to learn Italian last month.
- 8 _____ three children already.

11 Write negative sentences. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

- 1 Andy didn't go (not go) to school in Cairo when he was a child.
- 2 Mandy _____ (not have) French lessons before.
- 3 Kate _____ (never study) Spanish.
- 4 We _____ (not live) in London since 1996.
- 5 Max _____ (not go) to his first painting class in 1989.
- 6 Mum and Dad _____ (not just start) to learn German.
- 7 I _____ (not finish) my homework yet.
- 8 You _____ (not miss) the bus once last week – well done.
- 9 Jamie and Jack _____ (not try) to skateboard before.
- 10 Lily _____ (not take) her mobile phone with her yesterday.

12 Write short answers.

- 1 Has Cara acted in a play before? ✓ Yes, she has.
- 2 Has Ted just had a PE lesson? X _____
- 3 Have you met a famous person before? ✓ _____
- 4 Have you already done any homework today? X _____
- 5 Have they had lunch yet? ✓ _____
- 6 Has Eric played football already today? X _____
- 7 Have you had an English test today? ✓ _____
- 8 Have I asked you to bring your trainers? X _____
- 9 Have they written a letter to the Queen? ✓ _____
- 10 Has Carrie made some bread? ✓ _____