

Present Perfect and Past Simple

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1 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 I never saw / have never seen a dinosaur bone in my life, but I hope to see one today.
- 2 Pops, Mac and Eva travelled / have travelled to the Amazon two months ago.
- 3 Mac just left / has just left. He's in the garden!
- 4 I didn't do / haven't done my homework yet. I've been busy.
- 5 Pops made / has made an exciting discovery in 1997.
- 6 I wanted / have wanted to be a scientist when I was young.
- 7 Eva was / has been interested in exploring since she was little.
- 8 Pops didn't see / hasn't seen Mac and Eva yesterday.

2 Complete the text with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.



Pops ¹decided (decide) to write his autobiography a week ago. He ²_____ (start) writing it last night and he wrote fifty pages. He ³_____ (write) another fifty pages since this morning! Pops ⁴_____ (do) a lot of things in his life, so his autobiography is going to be interesting. When he was young, he ⁵_____ (make) some great discoveries, and he ⁶_____ (climb) K2 too. He ⁷_____ (not climb) Mount Everest yet, but he would like to one day. Last year, he ⁸_____ (find) an ancient skeleton – it was 10,000 years old! He ⁹_____ (not find) any treasure yet, but he ¹⁰_____ (find) a bracelet under the sofa yesterday!

3 Complete the dialogues with the words in brackets. Use the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.

- 1 A: Have you ever crossed (you / ever / cross) the desert in a jeep?
B: Yes, I have.
A: When did you cross (you / cross) it?
B: I crossed (cross) it last year.
- 2 A: _____ (Eva and Mac / ever / see) a crocodile?
B: Yes, _____.
A: Where _____ (they / see) it?
B: They _____ (see) it in Egypt.
- 3 A: _____ (Mac / ever / climb) a high mountain?
B: Yes, _____.
A: When _____ (he / climb) it?
B: He _____ (climb) it last month.

* 4 Complete the interview with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.



Interviewer: Hi, Duncan. Tell me a bit about your life. How long ¹have you worked (you / work) as a cowboy on your parents' farm?

Duncan: I ²_____ (be) a cowboy since I was nineteen.

Interviewer: ³_____ (you / ever / live) in a city?

Duncan: Yes, I ⁴_____. I lived in Denver, Colorado many years ago. I ⁵_____ (go) to school there.

Interviewer: ⁶_____ (you / want) to be a cowboy since you were little?

Duncan: Not really. When I was a kid, I ⁷_____ (want) to be an astronaut! But I missed the farm, so I ⁸_____ (come) back here a year ago. It's the best place in the world!