

## GRAMMAR

## Past Simple, Past Continuous and Present Perfect

## Past Simple

In 2014 she **reached** the top of Mount Everest. (finished action)  
The temperature often **fell** as low as -35°C. (repeated action)

## Past Continuous

It **was raining** on Sunday afternoon. (background description)  
At three o'clock we **were watching** a film about Poorna Malavath. (action in progress)

## Past Simple and Past Continuous

The teacher **was speaking** when some officials **came** into the classroom. (a longer action interrupted by a shorter one)

## Present Perfect

She **has become** famous. (result in the present)  
She **has climbed** Mount Aconcagua. (experience)

## Present Perfect and Past Simple

Poorna **has climbed** many mountains. She **climbed** Mount Everest in 2014.

1 ● Choose the correct option. Then mark the sentences PS (Past Simple), PC (Past Continuous) or PP (Present Perfect).

- Roshan **has had** / **was having** dinner with his family at 8 p.m. last night. **PC**
- I **got up** / **was getting up** early every day last week.
- Did you ever **have** / **Have you ever had** an unusual pet?
- When we left the cinema, it **rained** / **was raining**, so we took the bus home.
- My older brother **became** / **has become** a father in 2020.

2 ● Use the prompts to make sentences in the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Present Perfect.

- I / get / home / half an hour ago  
I got home half an hour ago.
- my sister / start / school / last year
- you / ever / play / baseball / ?
- we / talk / about Maisie / when / she / walk / in
- it / snow / when / I / wake up / this morning
- when / I / be / little, / I / not like / broccoli

3 ● ● ● Complete the second sentence with the word in bold so that it means the same as the first one. Use no more than four words.

- I first met Tom when I was five.  
I **have known** Tom **since** I was five. **KNOWN**
- Jay started watching a film at 7.30 p.m. and finished at 9 p.m.  
Jay    at 8 p.m. **WAS**
- Fiona isn't here now because she went to school earlier.  
Fiona    to school. **GONE**
- I started having a shower, but then the water went cold.  
I    when the water went cold.  
**HAVING**
- She didn't eat all morning and she didn't eat this afternoon.  
She    all day. **EATEN**

4 ● ● ● Complete the dialogue with the Past Simple, Past Continuous or Present Perfect form of the verbs below.

be climb do fall read recover stay  
visit (x2) walk

A: Hey, Nikki, how was your holiday?  
B: Great, thanks! I <sup>1</sup> **climbed** a really big mountain!  
A: Wow, really?  
B: Yes, it was amazing – the most exciting thing I <sup>2</sup>    ever   , really.  
A: I <sup>3</sup>    never    climbing, but I'd love to try it. So, where did you go?  
B: Well, while I <sup>4</sup>    with my cousin in Scotland, we decided to climb Ben Nevis.  
A: Yes, I <sup>5</sup>    all about it – although I <sup>6</sup>    never actually    Scotland. Wow! So, how was it?  
B: Amazing, but while we <sup>7</sup>    up, one girl <sup>8</sup>    and hurt her leg.  
A: Oh no! What happened next?  
B: Well, a helicopter came and took her to hospital. She <sup>9</sup>    since then and she's fine now. And how was your holiday?  
A: Not as exciting as yours – I just <sup>10</sup>    my gran in the country.