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History repeats itself

- Present Perfect
- *never, already, just, yet*
- *for, since, and ago*

- Present Perfect and Past Simple
- Word endings
- Agree with me!



Grammar

Present Perfect

Positive and negative

- 1 Read about **Sabine Caron**. Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Present Perfect.

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see travel not travel start ~~work~~ write

- 2 Complete what Sabine says.

- 1 I've been to a great many countries in my life.
- 2 I've been to the Arctic, but I _____ to the Antarctic.
- 3 Jean-Luc and I _____ married for many years.
- 4 We _____ in the US for quite a few years now.
- 5 We _____ never _____ dinner with the US President.
- 6 Our son _____ recently _____ work for a French travel magazine.

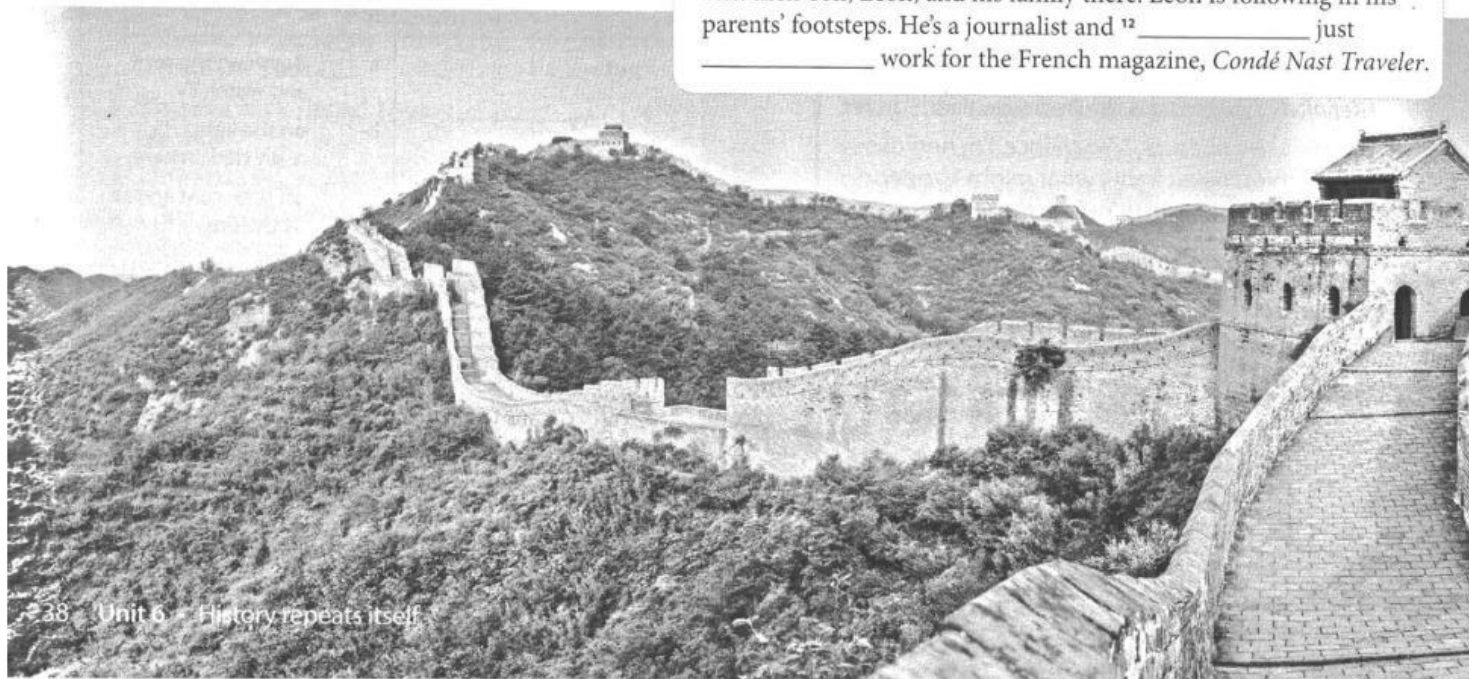
Sabine Caron

Foreign correspondent and keen traveller

Sabine Caron is French, but she now lives in the US. She's 60 years old, and she's still as active as ever. She ¹ has worked for the newspaper *La Journal Amérique* for over ten years, as their foreign correspondent. She ² _____ widely in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, but she ³ _____ much in Latin America yet. She ⁴ _____ many famous world leaders, including Nelson Mandela and three US presidents. She and her husband, the writer Jean-Luc Caron, are good friends of the French President – they ⁵ _____ dinner together many times, both in Paris and New York.

Her passion is travel. She ⁶ _____ Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, she ⁷ _____ the Northern Lights in Alaska, and she ⁸ _____ a bike along the Great Wall of China. She ⁹ _____ a number of books about her experiences. Her book about walking in the Arctic, *Alone Again*, won an award in 2010.

She ¹⁰ _____ married to Jean-Luc for nearly 40 years. They ¹¹ _____ in France since 2009, but they often visit their son, Leon, and his family there. Leon is following in his parents' footsteps. He's a journalist and ¹² _____ just _____ work for the French magazine, *Condé Nast Traveler*.



Questions and short answers

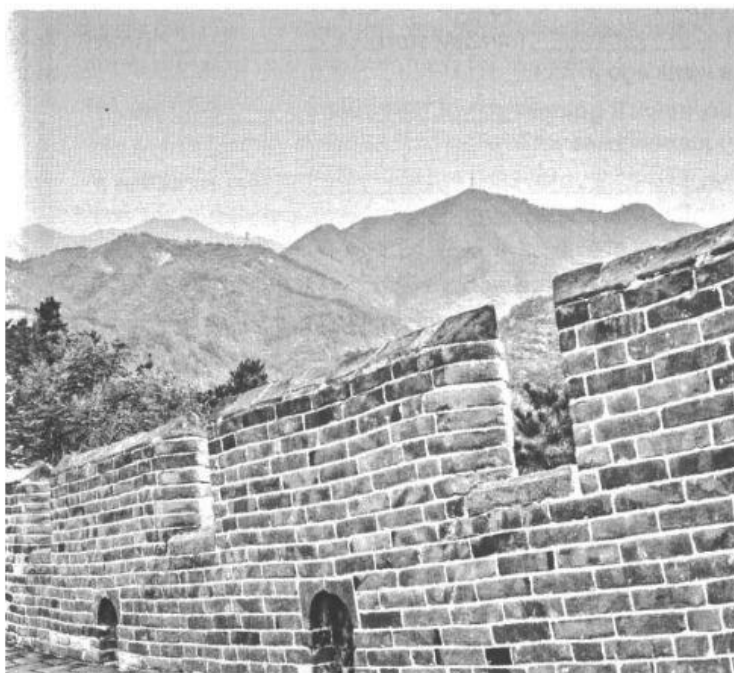
3 You are interviewing Sabine. Complete the questions.

- 1 'How long _____ you _____
for the *La Journal Amérique*?'
'For over ten years.'
- 2 'Which famous people _____ you
_____?'
'Nelson Mandela and the last three US presidents.'
- 3 '_____ you ever _____ dinner
with the US President?'
'No, I haven't! But I have with the French President.'
- 4 'How many books _____ you _____?'
'Four. They're all about places I've been to.'
- 5 'How long _____ you _____ married
to Jean-Luc?'
'Nearly 40 years.'

4 Complete the short answers about Sabine and Jean-Luc.

- 1 'Has she been to China?'
'Yes, _____.'
- 2 'Has she ever been to Brazil?'
'No, _____, but she's hoping to go soon.'
- 3 'Has she been married more than once?'
'No, _____. Jean-Luc is the love of her life!'
- 4 'Have she and Jean-Luc visited their son recently?'
'Yes, _____. They went to Paris last month.'
- 5 'Has she had a good life?'
'Yes, _____. It's been a really exciting life.'

6.1 Listen and check.



never, already, just, yet

5 Put *never, already, just, or yet* in the right place in B's lines.

- 1 A There's a good film on at the cinema. Would you like to see it?
B That's a nice idea, but I've seen it.
- 2 A You look awful! What's the matter?
B I've had the most terrible news!
- 3 A Where's my white T-shirt?
B I haven't washed it. Sorry.
- 4 A Istanbul is just amazing, isn't it?
B I don't know. I've been there.
- 5 A Don't forget to phone Tony about Saturday.
B I've spoken to him. He knows all about it.

6.2 Listen and check.

for, since, and ago

6 Complete the sentences with *for, since, or ago*.

- 1 I've known Justin _____ we were at school together.
- 2 We met 20 years _____.
- 3 Where have you been? I haven't seen you _____ ages!
- 4 I haven't played tennis _____ a while.
- 5 I've been on a diet _____ March.
- 6 Once upon a time, a long time _____, there was a sad princess.

7 Write the correct answer, **a** or **b**.

- 1 I've been a student of English _____.
a since three years **b** for three years
- 2 How long _____ Peter?
a have you known **b** do you know
- 3 The last time I had a holiday was _____.
a for a year **b** a year ago
- 4 I lived with my parents _____.
a until I was 16 **b** since I was a child
- 5 I've lived with my parents _____.
a ten years ago **b** all my life
- 6 I haven't had anything to eat _____.
a ten hours ago **b** since breakfast

Present Perfect and Past Simple

- 8 Which sentence, **a** or **b** means that Paulo still works as a waiter?
- a Paulo worked as a waiter for two months.
b Paulo's worked as a waiter for two months.
- 9 Rewrite the sentences using the Past Simple and the time expression in brackets.
- 1 I've already seen that film. (yesterday)
I saw it yesterday.
- 2 We've arrived in Moscow. (at six o'clock)
We _____ here _____.
- 3 She's bought a new bag. (last week)
She _____ it _____.
- 4 Damien's written a novel. (two years ago)
He _____ it _____.
- 5 They've been to Japan before. (in 2014)
They _____ there _____.
- 6 She's just begun learning French. (after her holiday in Nice)
She _____.
- 7 I've lost my phone. (last night)
I _____ it _____.
- 8 We've lived in New York. (when we were first married)
We _____ there _____.
- 9 I've worked in Italy. (from 2011 to 2018)
I _____ in Rome _____.
- 10 We've already had dinner. (before we left home)
We _____ a curry _____.

10 Correct the mistakes in these sentences.

- I haven't seen that new film already.
- Jim hasn't yet retired.
- He works in the same school for 20 years.
- I have studied at this school for September.
- My grandfather died since ten years.
- He has lived in London until he died last year.
- Dave's not here. He's been to Spain on holiday.
- You look suntanned! Where have you gone?
- I can't believe I've left school ten years ago.
- I haven't spoken to Alice since months.

11 Put the verbs in the correct tense, Past Simple or Present Perfect.

- 1 A Who are the people in the photo?
B They're my cousins in Australia. *Their* mum is my mum's big sister.
A Oh! ¹ _____ they _____ (be) there long?
B Yeah! For years. They ² _____ (go) before I was born.
A So, ³ _____ you _____ (ever, meet) them?
B Yeah! Once! They ⁴ _____ (come) over to England when I was about five – but I can't remember much about it.
A ⁵ _____ your mum _____ (ever, visit) them?
B Yeah, she ⁶ _____ (fly) over to Sydney two years ago when my aunt was ill.
A Is your aunt OK now?
B She's fine. I'd love to visit them one day!

- 2 A Jake, ¹ _____ you _____ (ever, live) on your own?
J Yes, of course I have!
A When ² _____ you _____ (do) that?
J When I was studying in Edinburgh. I ³ _____ (have) my own flat there. Why?
A Well, I'm going to work in Spain next year, and I'm a bit worried. I ⁴ _____ (always, live) at home.
I ⁵ _____ (never even, cook) a meal for myself!
J Don't worry! You'll learn.

- 3 A Hey, Beth! It's been ages! When do you start your new job?
B I ¹ _____ (already, start). I ² _____ (start) a week ago in fact.
A So, how's it going? ³ _____ you _____ (meet) your new boss yet?
B No, I ⁴ _____! She ⁵ _____ (be) abroad at a conference. She ⁶ _____ (get back) last night, so I'll meet her today.
A And do you like the work so far?
B It's early days! I ⁷ _____ (not decide) yet.
A Well, good luck! Let me know how it goes!

6.3 Listen and check.

