4B present perfect or past simple? (1)

present perfect: experiences and unfinished time

She's **been** to New York three times. 4.19
Have you **ever been** to Ikea?
I've never met Nina's husband.
He's **seen** that film twice.

- We often use the present perfect to talk about past experiences or to talk about the recent past when we don't specify a time. In questions and negatives we often use *ever* (= at any time in your life) and *never*.

present perfect or past simple?

A **Have** you **ever been** to Mexico? B Yes, **I have.** 4.20
A When **did** you **go** there? B I **went** last year.
A Jack's **broken** his leg. B Oh no! When **did** that **happen**?
A Yesterday. He **broke** it playing football.

- Conversations about experiences or the recent past often begin in the present perfect (with a general question or some news) and then change to the past simple to ask for or give specific details, e.g. *when, what, where, who with,* etc.

been and gone
Compare the present perfect of *be* and *go*.
Mike has ***been*** *to Paris.* = He went to Paris and came back.
Mike has ***gone*** *to Paris.* = He's in Paris now.

4B

a Complete with the verb in the present perfect.

Have you ever *broken* your leg? (break)
1 _____ you ever _____ clothes from that shop? (buy)
2 I _____ always _____ a pair of designer sunglasses. (want)
3 I _____ this book. Is it good? (not read)
4 We _____ to the new shopping centre. (not be)
5 _____ your brother ever _____ abroad? (live)
6 They _____ to South America twice. (be)
7 She _____ before. (not fly)
8 James _____ his girlfriend's family. (not meet)
9 _____ you _____ in this restaurant before? (eat)
10 Jenny _____ never _____ me about her family. (tell)

b Complete the conversation with the present perfect or past simple.

A *Have* you *been* to the new shopping centre? (be)
B Yes, I [1]_____ there last month – it [2]_____ great. (go, be)
A [3]_____ you _____ anything? (buy)
B I [4]_____ a new pair of shoes. (get)
A [5]_____ they expensive? (be)
B Yes, very! [6]_____ you _____ any new clothes recently? (buy)
A No, but my boyfriend [7]_____ me a jacket for my birthday last week. (give)

c Complete with *been* or *gone*.

A Where's Rob? B He's *gone* to the football match.
1 The kids aren't here. They've all _____ out.
2 Have you ever _____ to the swimming pool in town?
3 I haven't _____ to Sue's new flat yet.
4 My sister has _____ to live in France and she's really enjoying it.
5 Oh, good. Dad's _____ to the shop – the fridge is full.

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