

## 4B present perfect or past simple? (1)

### present perfect: experiences and unfinished time

She's **been** to New York three times.

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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**.

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

B I **5** a new pair of shoes. (get)

A **6** they expensive? (be)

B Yes, very! **6** you **7** 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 **8** out.

2 Have you ever **9** to the swimming pool in town?

3 I haven't **10** to Sue's new flat yet.

4 My sister has **11** to live in France and she's really enjoying it.

5 Oh, good. Dad's **12** to the shop – the fridge is full.

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