

PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE?



1 Instructions Listen to Kate, Rosie and John answering questions about shopping. Which chain stores from above do they mention?

[] Zara [] Apple [] TopShop [] The Body Shop
[] H&M [] Nike [] IKEA [] UNIQLO

2 Listen again. What did each person buy? Are they happy with what they bought?

Person	They bought....	Are they happy?
Kate		
Rosie		
John		

3 Listen and check. Look at the beginnings of Kate's interview. What are the missing verbs?

A ¹ _____ you _____ to a chain store recently?

B Yes, ² I _____. I ³ _____ to H&M three weeks ago.

A And what ⁴ _____ you _____ ?

B I ⁵ _____ a skirt.

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.

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.