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EXERCISE 1
Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets, using either **Past Simple** or **Present Perfect**.

A. Last summer, I _____ **(travel)** to Italy with my family, and we _____ **(visit)** Rome, Florence, and Venice; since then, I _____ **(see)** many photos online that remind me of that trip.

B. She _____ **(meet)** her best friend at university ten years ago, and they _____ **(become)** very close; in fact, they _____ **(share)** many experiences together since then.

C. We _____ **(go)** to the new restaurant downtown last Friday, and we _____ **(order)** pizza and pasta; I _____ **(eat)** Italian food many times before, but that meal was one of the best.

D. Two years ago, we _____ **(move)** to a new city and _____ **(start)** new jobs; since then, we _____ **(make)** many friends and _____ **(discover)** several amazing places to visit.

EXERCISE 2
Correct the mistakes in the sentences below.

A. I have visited Paris last year and stayed there for three weeks.

B. She has finished her homework yesterday evening, but forgot to send it.

C. They went to his house many times and, actually, yesterday, I've been there.

D. We have seen that movie two days ago, and, after, we went out for pizza.

E. He never went to Japan before, but last year he's traveled there for work.

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EXERCISE 3
Rewrite the sentences using the other tense (**Past Simple ↔ Present Perfect**). Pay attention to the structures!

A. They went to Spain last summer. → _____

B. She has read that book three times. → _____

C. We met our teacher on Monday. → _____

D. They have already eaten dinner. → _____

E. He bought a new car last month. → _____

F. I watched a great movie last night. → _____

G. She's visited her parents a lot. → _____

H. I've played tennis since I was a kid. → _____

EXERCISE 4
Rewrite the text, correcting the verbs to **Past Simple** or **Present Perfect** as needed.

Last weekend I have gone to the beach with my friends. We have played volleyball and swam in the sea for hours. After that, we have eaten pizza at a small restaurant near the shore. I went home late, but I have felt very happy because I have spent a wonderful day. I already went to this beach a few times in my life. It's so cool!

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EXERCISE 5
Write at least five sentences comparing *Anna's experiences* (text below) with your own. Use both **Past Simple** or **Present Perfect** correctly.

ANNA'S LIFE SO FAR

My name is Anna, and I love to travel and try new things. When I was younger, I went to the Philippines with my family, and we stayed there for two weeks. It was one of the best trips of my life. I have also visited Japan, where I tried sushi for the first time. Since then, I have eaten sushi many times, and I really enjoy it. Last year, I went to Spain and learned a little Spanish during my holiday. I have never forgotten how friendly the people were.

I have also tasted exotic food in different places here in Brazil: I have eaten açaí in Pará, tried feijoada in Rio de Janeiro, and enjoyed pão de queijo in Minas Gerais. I have drunk chimarrão in the South and coconut water on the beaches of Bahia. Sports are part of my adventures too: I went surfing in Florianópolis in 2025, played football with friends in São Paulo, and I have recently started practicing capoeira regularly. I haven't visited the Amazon rainforest yet, but I hope to do it one day.

Example: She went surfing in 2025 and I did too, but in 2020.
Anna has already drunk coconut water on the beaches of Bahia, but I haven't.

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