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Past Simple – Present Perfect



Listen and repeat. Then act out.



have gone to / have been to / have been in

He's **gone to** London. (He hasn't come back yet. He is still in London.)

He's **been to** Paris once. (He's visited Paris. He's back now.) (Present Perfect of the verb 'to go')

I've **been in** Athens for a month. (I am in Athens.) (Present Perfect of the verb 'to be')

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Fill in the gaps with: *has / have gone to, has / have been to or has / have been in*.

- 1 You can't see Tom before Wednesday. He *has gone to* Denmark for a few days on business.
- 2 My sister Bristol for two months now.
- 3 Wendy isn't here at the moment. She the supermarket to buy some milk and eggs.
- 4 The Miltons Sweden twice.
- 5 Greg and Terry the park to play football. They'll be back by 6 o'clock.
- 6 Jenny's brother hospital since Monday.
- 7 you ever the opera?
- 8 Jim the cinema. He left an hour ago.

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Fill in: *since, for, already, just or yet*.

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| 1 John has .. <i>just</i> .. finished his homework.
His books are still on the table. | 4 We've lived here ten years. |
| 2 I haven't seen Sarah 2007. | 5 He's come back from jogging
and he's a bit tired. |
| 3 They haven't bought the tickets for the
concert | 6 We've seen that film. Can we
watch something else? |

10 Write sentences about yourself. Use the *present perfect*.

- 1 not play tennis since ...
I haven't played tennis since ...
last weekend.
- 2 live here for ...
- 3 have my pet dog for ...

- 4 know my best friend since ...
- 5 not go to the cinema for ...
- 6 not invite friends over since ...

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Did you know?

- 1 Victoria Falls *has been* (be) a popular tourist attraction for many years.
- 2 In 1855, David Livingstone, a Scottish explorer, (name) the falls after Queen Victoria.
- 3 The African government (open) two national parks near the falls to protect wild animals.
- 4 The Victoria Falls Bridge is one of the most famous bridges in the world. It (take) just 14 months to build and (be) ready in April, 1905.
- 5 Over 50,000 people (try) bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge so far.



12 Put the verbs in brackets into the *present perfect* or the *past simple*.

- 1 A: *Have you ever been* (you/ever/go) to India?
B: Yes, I (go) there last summer.
- 2 A: (you/speak) to Chloe?
B: No, she (go) to the post office. She (not/come) back yet.
- 3 A: (you/ever/eat) Mexican food?
B: Yes, I (try) it for the first time last week.

- 4 A: I (go) to the new cinema yesterday.
B: It's nice, isn't it? I (go) there a few times.
- 5 A: I (not/see) Sam for a long time.
B: Really? He (be) at the swimming pool this morning.
- 6 A: (you/do) your project, Chris?
B: Yes, Mum. I (finish) it an hour ago.