

Present Perfect and Past Simple contrast



Activity 1: Choose the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the text.

My sister (1- has played / played) chess since she was child. When she was seven years old, our grandfather (2- has given / gave) her a chessboard and (3- has taught / taught) her how to play. She (4- has played / played) the game and (5- has loved / loved) it every day. Two years later, she (6- has won / won a prize) in a national competition. Since then, she (7- has taken / took) part in competitions around the world. She (8- has met / met) chess players from many different countries too. (9- Has she ever lost / Did she ever lose) a game? 'Of course!' she says. '(10- I've lost / I lost) lots of games. But every time I lose, I learn something new.'

Activity 2: Complete the sentences with the correct present perfect or past simple form of the words in brackets.

- 1) A: _____ (you / ever / bake) a cake?
B: Yes, I. I _____ (make) my brother's wedding cake last year.
- 2) She _____ (already / spend) more than £500 on clothes this year and it's only February!
- 3) He _____ (join) an ice hockey team when he was in Toronto in 2010.
- 4) We _____ (not / do) any exercise since Christmas!
- 5) A: _____ (you / see) Tom yesterday?
B: No, I. I _____ (not / see) him for about two weeks.
- 6) Five years ago, my parents _____ (visit) Croatia.
- 7) I _____ (never / play) this game before.

- 8) We _____ (see) a really good film on TV last night.
- 9) My brother _____ (just / finish) his exams.
- 10) They _____ (not / return) from their shopping trip yet.

Activity 3: Grammar in action

- 1) We use the past simple to talk about something in the past and to say when something happened. Choose the example that shows this idea.
- a) They arrived last week. YES / NO
 - b) They have just arrived. YES / NO
- 2) We use the present perfect to talk about something that happened in the past but we **don't know the exact time** in which the action happened. Choose the example that illustrates this idea.
- a) Jake has been swimming. YES / NO
 - b) Jake went swimming last Thursday. YES / NO