

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