

Past simple and present perfect contrast

A Complete the magazine interview. Use the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Interviewer When ¹_____ you _____ (take up) playing rugby, Georgina?

Georgina About three years ago. Before that I ²_____ (play) football, but then my mates ³_____ (persuade) me to give rugby a go.

Interviewer And I hear you play for your school. How long ⁴_____ you _____ (be) in the team?

Georgina I ⁵_____ (join) the team just over two years ago and I ⁶_____ (play) in lots of matches since then.

Interviewer ⁷_____ your team ever _____ (win) a competition?

Georgina Yes, we ⁸_____ (win) the inter-school championship in June. That ⁹_____ (be) awesome!

Interviewer It's quite a dangerous sport. ¹⁰_____ you ever _____ (have) an accident while playing?

Georgina Yes, lots! I ¹¹_____ (dislocate) my shoulder last summer. That really ¹²_____ (hurt) and it ¹³_____ (take) ages to heal. I ¹⁴_____ (sprain) my ankle a couple of times too and I ¹⁵_____ (have) quite a few cut lips and black eyes!

Interviewer Wow! It certainly is dangerous!

B Complete the questions using the verbs below in the past simple or present perfect form.

be	fall	give	have (x2)	know
oversleep	pull	spend	visit	

1 _____ you _____ over a lot when you were a child?

2 _____ you _____ someone's leg recently?

3 _____ you ever _____ stitches?

4 _____ you _____ the same hairstyle a year ago?

5 _____ you _____ a lot of money last weekend?

6 _____ you _____ anyone a hand so far this week?

7 _____ you in a good mood the day before yesterday?

8 _____ you _____ an English-speaking country yet?

9 _____ you _____ your best friend for over ten years?

10 _____ you _____ this morning and arrive late to school?