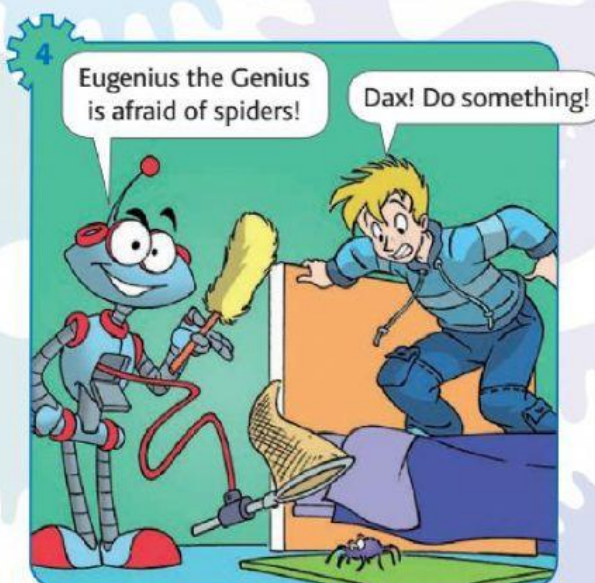
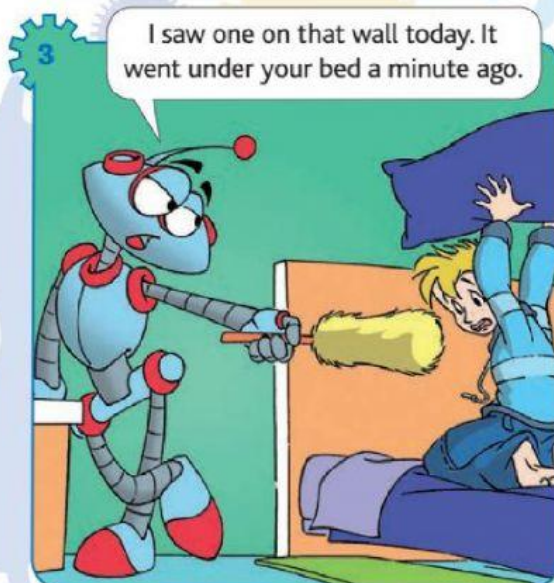
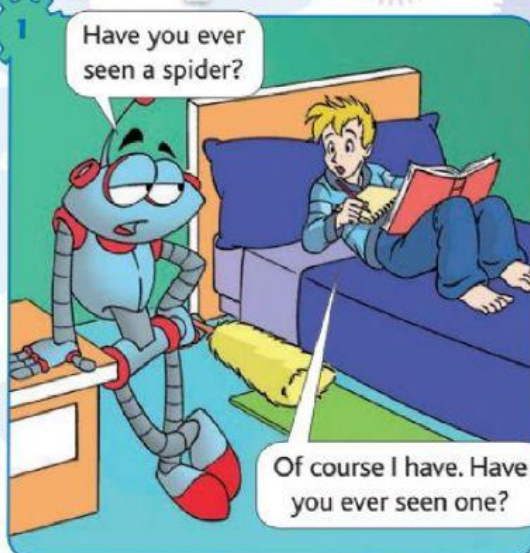


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Past simple and present perfect



Past simple

I bought a new computer last week.
He came back four hours ago.
We had dinner at eight o'clock.
She didn't phone us last night.
I didn't see him yesterday.
They lived here many years ago.
Did you play golf on Saturday?

Present perfect

I've bought a new computer.
He's just come back.
We've already had dinner.
She hasn't phoned us yet.
I haven't seen him for days.
They've lived here since 2004.
Have you ever played golf?



Past simple

- We use the past simple to talk about:
 - an action that happened at a specific time in the past. We mention when the action happened.
*Nadia **bought** a computer last week.*
 - an action or situation that began and ended in the past.
*My grandad **lived** here many years ago.*
- We often use the following time expressions with the past simple: *yesterday, yesterday morning, last month, a year ago, in 2007, on 25th May, etc*
*I didn't see Bill **yesterday**.*

Present perfect

- We use the present perfect to talk about:
 - an action that happened in the past. We don't mention when it happened, either because we don't know or because it is not important.
*Nadia **has bought** a computer.*
 - an action or situation that began in the past and is still going on.
*My grandad **has lived** here since 2003.*
 - an action that happened in the past and has an effect on the present.
*He **can't** see. He's **broken** his glasses.*
- We often use the following time expressions with the present perfect: *ever, never, just, already, yet, for, since, how long, etc*
*I **haven't** seen Bill **since** last Wednesday.*

1 Circle the correct answer.

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| 1 Mary borrowed some money from me <u>last month</u> / since last month. | 5 We haven't seen Nikki and Ben <i>last week</i> / for a week. |
| 2 My parents have had their car <i>ten years ago</i> / for ten years. | 6 I didn't visit Dave <i>yesterday</i> / yet. |
| 3 The baby hasn't woken up <i>last night</i> / yet. | 7 They left <i>three hours ago</i> / since yesterday. |
| 4 Theo phoned us <i>an hour ago</i> / already. | 8 Have you finished your Science project <i>yesterday morning</i> / yet? |

2 Complete. Use the past simple or present perfect.

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| 1 They <u>have come</u> back from London. They <u>came</u> back last night. (come) | 6 Natalie that museum. She it in March. (visit) |
| 2 I my Geography homework. I it this morning. (do) | 7 I the cat. I it two hours ago. (feed) |
| 3 Alex and I this film. We it last week. (see) | 8 They Jack's brother. They him last year. (meet) |
| 4 I a present for my mother. I it yesterday. (buy) | 9 We Leo about the party. We him last week. (tell) |
| 5 Michael his project. He it last night. (finish) | 10 Fiona to New York. She there four days ago. (be) |

3 Complete. Use the past simple or present perfect.

- The train arrived at the station at half past six. (arrive)
- Caroline home from school. (just / come)
- I late for school yesterday. (be)
- Josh the CD he wants. (already / choose)
- I this song before. (never / hear)
- Amy at her granny's house last night. (sleep)



4 Write questions and short answers. Use the past simple or present perfect.

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A: <u>Have you ever flown in a hot air balloon?</u>
B: <u>No, I haven't.</u> | 4 he / ever / try / Mexican food? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A:
B: |
| 2 Angie / phone / you last night? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A:
B: | 5 they / move / here last year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A:
B: |
| 3 you / wash / the car yet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A:
B: | 6 you / stay / at home yesterday? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A:
B: |

5 Read and complete. Use the past simple or present perfect.

New Message

Hi, Becky

Thanks for your e-mail. It was great to hear from you! Yes, I ¹ started (start) at my new school a week ago. It's fantastic! I ² (have) my first singing lesson yesterday and it ³ (be) great fun! We ⁴ (sing) songs from the musical *Grease* – my favourite! My teacher's name is Mrs Evans. She ⁵ (be) a music teacher for twelve years and she ⁶ (teach) here since 2004. She's really nice.

I ⁷ (make) some new friends here but I really miss you and Harry. How is Harry? I ⁸ (not hear from) him since I left London. I ⁹ (phone) him last night but he ¹⁰ (not be) at home. Tell him I said hello! And please e-mail me soon!

Love,
Lily

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Bye for now,
Harry

7 **Let's write!** Imagine you've just moved to a different town / city / country. Write a letter to a friend. You can use these ideas.

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8 Work with a partner. Ask and answer.

- No, I haven't.