Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous & Simple Past

3 **Complete the text. Use the present perfect simple or the present perfect continuous.**

The history of sport

While people [1] _____ (play) games and [2] _____ (do) sport practically since the beginning of time, the rules which participants have had to follow [3] _____ (change) over the centuries. Experts, historians and archaeologists, [4] _____ (discover) that sport [5] _____ (be) a useful way for people to learn how to deal with nature and the environment better. They [6] _____ (also see) that as societies [7] _____ (develop), sport and games have too. Archaeologists [8] _____ (study) cave paintings for years now and they [9] _____ (find) many which show athletes doing sport. In France, the paintings show people participating in wrestling and running about 17,300 years ago, and in Libya, in the Cave of Swimmers, evidence [10] _____ (show) people taking part in competitive swimming. Although experts [11] _____ (not answer) all the questions about why people play games and do sport yet, they [12] _____ (prove) that nobody can argue about their importance in human history.

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3 Circle the correct words.

1 I just put on / have just put on my football kit.
2 Maria has already scored / already scored five points!
3 Did they spend / Have they spent their holiday hiking in Greece last summer?
4 Theo has taken / took tennis lessons in 2005.
5 My friend has been / was at a rugby match two days ago.
6 I didn't watch / haven't watched an ice hockey game so far.
7 Last week Helen and Iris went / have gone to the new sports arena.
8 He can't play squash because he still didn't buy / hasn't bought a racket.
9 Did you ever see / Have you ever seen a rugby game?
10 We have waited / waited at the golf course for two hours ... where were you?

4 Complete the dialogues. Use the past simple or the present perfect simple.

1 A: Last night I _____ (go) to a boxing match!
B: Oh. I _____ (already be) to two boxing matches.

2 A: Do you know that Joe _____ (work) at the sports arena for fifteen years?
B: Really? I thought he _____ (start) working there five years ago.

3 A: _____ (you / ever meet) a famous athlete?
B: Well, I _____ (see) Laila Ali box.
A: Wow! I _____ (watch) her father, Muhammad Ali, fight once. Sadly, he doesn't box anymore.

4 A: Tony _____ (break) his leg!
B: Really? How _____ (it happen)?
A: He _____ (fall) while he was skiing.

5 A: Yesterday I _____ (leave) the flat and _____ (ride) my bike to the gym. Then I _____ (realise) that I _____ (not have) my trainers with me.
B: Oh, no! That _____ (happen) to me before. What _____ (do)?
A: I _____ (call) Mum to bring them to me.

6 A: How long ago _____ (you / begin) coaching baseball?
B: Ten years ago. I _____ (recently take) a team to the national finals ... and we _____ (win)!

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