Grammar

Present perfect and past simple

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He **has written** a book.
Albert **has been** in a wheelchair since he was eight years old.
In 2007 he **set off** for South America.

1 **Look at the sentences in the table. Which of the verbs in bold are present perfect and which are past simple?**

2 **Match the sentences in the table with uses 1–3. Write them in your notebook.**

1 to talk about uncompleted actions or situations that began in the past and continue in the present
2 to talk about past actions or experiences without saying when they happened
3 to talk about completed actions at a definite time in the past

3 **Write the correct words in your notebook.**

1 I **lived / have lived** here when I was eight.
2 Albert Casals **visited / has visited** more than 80 countries.
3 My mum **set off / has set off** for New York yesterday.
4 Dave is in China. He **had / 's had** lots of adventures.
5 I **took / 've taken** lots of photos when I was in Brazil.

4 **Write complete sentences using the present perfect or the past simple.**

I / live / in Peru / for three years. I love it!
I've lived in Peru for three years. I love it!

1 He / live / in Toronto / for a year / when he was younger.
2 I / go / to Hawaii / last summer.
3 We / never / read / Albert Casals' books.
4 Alex / not be / to Los Angeles. He wants to go next year.
5 My mum / visit / Italy.

5 **Complete the questions with the present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 … you ever … (be) to Australia?
2 … you ever … (visit) South America?
3 … you ever … (read) Albert Casals' books?
4 … you ever … (see) the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao?
5 … you ever … (buy) any souvenirs?

6 **Complete the questions with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets. Then match them with the questions in exercise 5.**

a) What … you … (buy)?
b) What exhibition … you… (see)?
c) How many kangaroos … you … (see)?
d) … you … (like) them?
e) Which countries … you … (visit)?

7 **Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the present perfect or the past simple.**

Natalie I'm reading *Around the World in 80 Days*. (1)… you … (read) it?
Charlie No. Who's it by?
Natalie Jules Verne. He (2)… (write) it in 1873.
Charlie Oh, I know him. I (3)… (read) *Journey to the Centre of the Earth* a few years ago.
Natalie (4)… you … (like) it?
Charlie Yes, it (5)… (be) great. You should read it. Last year, I (6)… (see) a TV programme called *Around the World in 80 Days*.
Natalie With Michael Palin? Yes, I remember it. He (7)… (make) lots of travel programmes.
Charlie He's really lucky. I (8)… (never be) to a foreign country.
Natalie Haven't you? I (9)… (be) to one. Last year I (10)… (go) to Greece with my family.

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