

Grammar

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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.