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Grammar

Contrast: past simple and present perfect

I can distinguish the use of the past simple and the present perfect.

1 Choose the correct verb form (a or b) in the sentences.

- 1 ___ to the west coast of Ireland? It's beautiful.
a Did you ever go b Have you ever been
- 2 I ___ a lot of interesting cities in my life, but I think New York is my favourite.
a 've visited b visited
- 3 I ___ Mexican food a few times, but it's too spicy for me.
a 've tried b tried
- 4 You should get your postcard soon. I ___ it a week ago.
a 've posted b posted
- 5 My dad ___ about two hundred photos on this holiday so far.
a has taken b took
- 6 ___ any souvenirs when you were in Canada?
a Have you bought b Did you buy

2 Complete the email. Use the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

To: anne@email.com

Dear Anna,

I'm on a coach tour of Europe with my parents. So far we ¹ ___ (visit) two cities – Paris and Amsterdam. We ² ___ (start) the tour in Paris. ³ ___ you ⁴ ___ (go) there? It's beautiful. The first day we ⁵ ___ (go) up the Eiffel Tower. The view was incredible. I ⁶ ___ (never / see) anything like it. Now we ⁷ ___ (arrive) in Florence, in Italy. Yesterday we ⁸ ___ (explore) the old town on foot. Then we ⁹ ___ (climb) up the Campanile, which is a really tall tower. There were 414 steps, but it was worth it. Next, we're going to Rome. I ¹⁰ ___ (read) all about it last night and am really looking forward to it. I hope you're enjoying the summer. The weather here ¹¹ ___ (be) fantastic.

Love

Daisy

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3 Complete the sentences with *has / have been, has / have gone or went*.

- 1 Lucy isn't at home. She's *gone* to the sports centre.
- 2 We haven't had a holiday this year, but last year we *went* to Brazil.
- 3 We've got plenty of food – I *haven't bought* to the supermarket yesterday.
- 4 She knows Madrid very well. She *has been* there lots of times since she moved to Spain.
- 5 I love water sports. I *have been* surfing in lots of different countries.
- 6 I hope Toby is enjoying the summer. He *has been* to Italy for six weeks.

4 Complete the mini-dialogues. Use the correct present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A ___ ever ___ (you / have) a holiday in Turkey?
B Yes, I ___ . I ___ (spend) two weeks there last year.
A Which cities ___ (you / visit)?
B Only two. We ___ (start) in Istanbul and then ___ (travel) to Izmir.
- 2 A ___ ever ___ (you / try) an extreme sport?
B No, I ___ . But I ___ (learn) to ski last winter.
A Really? ___ (you / enjoy) it?
B Yes, I ___ . In fact, yesterday I ___ (book) my next skiing holiday!
- 3 A ___ ever ___ (you / go) on a coach tour?
B Yes, we ___ . We ___ (go) across the USA by coach last July.
A How long ___ (it / take)?
B Three weeks. We ___ (stop) at lots of interesting places on the way.
- 4 A ___ ever ___ (you / eat) insects?
B Yes, I ___ . I ___ (buy) a bag of insects as a snack in Thailand. But I ___ (not enjoy) them very much.