

## Grammar | Present Perfect Simple and Past Simple

- 8 a** Work in pairs. Look at the extracts (1-8) from the story on page 15. Does each one use the Present Perfect Simple or the Past Simple?
- Since 1928 they have supplied shoes for Olympic athletes.
  - Adidas has always been more successful than Puma.
  - On 1st July 1924 they formed a shoe company, Dassler Brothers Ltd.
  - Run DMC has even written a song called *My Adidas*.
  - They worked together for many years.
  - The family argument happened ... over sixty years ago.
  - The companies have now been in competition for over sixty years.
  - Ever since it happened ... the town has been split into two.
- b** Read the Active grammar box and choose the correct option to complete the rules. Use the sentences from exercise 8a and the examples to help you.

### Active grammar

- We use the \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about actions or states which happened in a finished period of time in the past. There is no connection to now.
- We use \_\_\_\_\_ with the Past Simple to say when something happened and \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about the period when something happened.
- We use the \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about actions or states which happened in a period of time that is connected to now.
- We often use *for* and *since* with the Present Perfect. We use *for* + a \_\_\_\_\_ of time and *since* + a \_\_\_\_\_ of time.
- We use *just* with the \_\_\_\_\_ to show that an action is very recent.  
*I've just bought some new shoes.*
- We use \_\_\_\_\_ with the Present Perfect Simple to emphasise that a situation has not started. We use \_\_\_\_\_ to emphasise that a situation has started or an action has finished.  
*I haven't done the shopping yet.*  
*I've already finished cooking.*

see Reference page 19

- 9** Read the texts below about other famous brothers and sisters and choose the correct words in *italics*.

Venus and Serena Williams are both famous tennis stars. They (1) \_\_\_\_\_ each other professionally more than twenty times.

In 2001, the actors Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal (2) \_\_\_\_\_ together in the film *Donnie Darko*, where they (3) \_\_\_\_\_ brother and sister.



Penelope Cruz is a world famous actor, but her siblings, Eduardo and Monica are also quite famous. Eduardo (4) \_\_\_\_\_ several international hits and Monica is a well-known Spanish actor. She would like to star internationally but she (5) \_\_\_\_\_ English yet.

- 10** Complete the sentences with the time expressions from the box.

ago   already   for   just   since   yet

- Kylie and Dannii Minogue have been professional performers \_\_\_\_\_ they were children.
- Kylie's first performance on television took place over thirty years \_\_\_\_\_.
- Kylie has \_\_\_\_\_ achieved a lot in her career, but she still seems to have plenty more to offer.
- Kylie hasn't \_\_\_\_\_ had as much success in America.
- Dannii has been a judge on a TV talent show \_\_\_\_\_ a few years now.
- Dannii has \_\_\_\_\_ started a family. She had her first baby last year.

## Speaking

- 11** Work in pairs. Do you think it's a good idea to go into business with your friends and family? Why/Why not?