8 Past Simple (**I lived**) or Present Perfect (**I have lived**)

Compare the Past Simple and the Present Perfect:

1

We use the Past Simple to talk about something that happened at a particular time in the past: *I **met** John **at 4 o'clock**.* *When **did** Jane **go** to India? ~ **In June**.* *Martin **bought** a new car **last week**.*	We use the Present Perfect to talk about the past, but not about when things happened: *I'**ve met** John's girlfriend. She's nice.* ***Have** you ever **been** to India? ~ Yes, I have.* *I **have** never **bought** a new car.*

2

We use the Past Simple for situations or actions during a period of time that ENDED in the past: *I **worked** there **for two years**. I left last year.* **past** (now) *I worked there for 2 years.* *We **lived** in that house **for a long time**; then we moved to this one.* *Our company **opened** two new shops **last summer**.*	We use the Present Perfect for situations or actions during a period of time from the past to NOW: *He **has worked** here **for two years.*** (He still works here.). **past** (now) *He has worked here for 2 years.* *We'**ve lived** in this flat **since we got married**.* (We still live in it.) *We opened two shops last summer.* ***Since then**, we **have opened** two more.* (**Since then** = since that time)

3 Notice how we often move from the Present Perfect to the Past Simple:

Peter: ***Have** you ever **played** this game before?*
Maria: *Yes, I **played** it once when I was in England.*
Peter: ***Did** you win?*
Maria: *No, I **lost**.*

Practice

A **Complete the conversation by choosing the correct form in brackets ( ).**

Sarah: 0 Have you ever been (Have you ever been / Did you ever go) to the United States?
Jim: Yes, 1 _____ (I've been / I went) to California last year.
Sarah 2 _____ (Have you liked / Did you like) it?
Jim: Yes, 3 _____ (I've enjoyed / I enjoyed) the trip a lot.
Sarah: What 4 _____ (have you done / did you do) there?
Jim: 5 _____ (I've visited / I visited) Hollywood, Disneyland and San Francisco.
6 _____ (Have you been / Did you go) to California, Sarah?
Sarah: No, but 7 _____ (I've booked / I booked) a holiday there.
I've got my ticket and I'm going next week!

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B **Complete the dialogues using the Present Perfect (*I have seen*) or Past Simple (*I saw*).**

A: I [0] saw _____ (see) Jack last night.

B: Oh really. I [1] _____ (not / see) him for months. How is he?

A: We [2] _____ (go) to the theatre last Saturday.

B: [3] _____ (you / enjoy) the play?

A: Yes, it [4] _____ (be) very good.

A: I [5] _____ (never / hear) of this group before. Are they famous in your country?

B: Yes, they are very popular. They [6] _____ (be) famous in my country for years.

A: What [7] _____ (you / do) last weekend?

B: I [8] _____ (stay) at home. I [9] _____ (need) a rest.

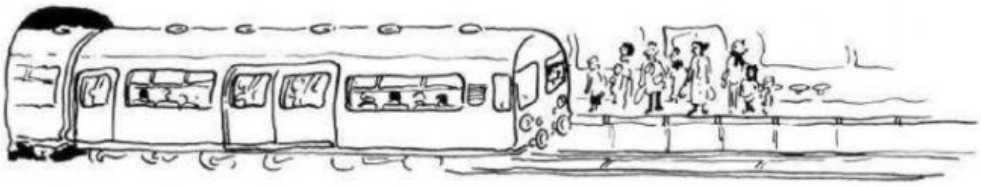
A: [10] _____ (you / ever / win) a competition?

B: Yes, I [11] _____ (win) a photographic competition in 1992.

A: So, John is your best friend. [12] _____ (you / meet) him when you were at university?

B: Yes. We [13] _____ (be) friends for more than ten years.

C **Complete this paragraph about the London Underground by putting in the Present Perfect or Past Simple forms of the verbs in brackets ( ).**



The London Underground

London [0] has had _____ (have) an underground train system since the 19th Century. The London Underground [1] _____ (start) in 1863, when Victorian engineers and workers [2] _____ (build) the Metropolitan railway. This railway line [3] _____ (go) from Paddington Station to Farringdon Street Station, and steam engines [4] _____ (pull) the coaches. Eight more lines [5] _____ (open) since then. The world's first underground electric railway [6] _____ (open) in 1890. This line [7] _____ (go) from the City of London to Stockwell in South London. The most modern line is the Jubilee line, which [8] _____ (open) in 1977. Since the London Underground [9] _____ (begin), many other cities, such as New York and Moscow, [10] _____ (build) their own systems.

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