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Lebanese capital, Beirut, a large blast has killed at least 150 people and injured more than 5,000 others

Hadi Nasrallah, eyewitness speaking to the BBC

I saw the fire, but I didn't yet know there was going to be an explosion. We went inside. Suddenly I lost my hearing because apparently I was too close. I lost my hearing for a few seconds, I knew something was wrong. And then suddenly the glass just shattered all over the car, the cars around us, the shops, the stores, the buildings. Just glass going down from all over the building.
Literally all over Beirut, people were calling each other from different areas kilometres away and they were experiencing the same thing: broken glass, buildings shaking, a loud explosion.
Actually we were shocked because usually when it happens, just one area will experience those happenings after an explosion, but this time it was all of Beirut, even areas outside of Beirut.

Sunniva Rose, journalist
"Driving into Beirut early evening when it was still light, it was absolute chaos. The streets were literally covered in glass. It's hard for ambulances to go through - there's bricks, cement slabs. Houses have collapsed.
"When I got to the port it had been closed off by the army. The army said to stay away in case there was a second explosion.
"There was still smoke going up into the sky late into the evening. The whole city was black. It was very hard to walk around, people were covered in blood. I saw an 86-year-old woman being treated by a doctor who had just run out of his home with a first aid kit. Cars were entirely smashed by rocks. These old-style houses with big cuts of rock had just fallen down on the street."It's pandemonium in my own flat, all the glass is shattered. The extent of the damage is extreme. Even in a mall 2km away - the whole facade was shattered."

1. -Has Hadi Nasraliah been near the explosion?_____
2. How long did she lose her hearing?_____
3. What were the people in Beirut experiencing?_____
4. Have an explosion happened before?_____
5. Has Sunniva Rose driven during the blast?_____
6. Where did she drive to?_____
7. How were the cars and buildings_____
8. Do you believe it is safe for people there?_____

Present perfect : we use present perfect in these topics

TOPIC 1 Experience. We **have never seen** an explosion this type.
TOPIC 2 Change Over Time. →**Since – For**. Number of deaths **have grown** since the explosion
TOPIC 3 Multiple actions **The army** has attacked **that city many times**.
TOPIC 4 An Uncompleted Action You Are Expecting. The cleaning **hasn't stopped yet**.

Listening Practice

1) In conversation 1, who has called Bob?

☐ a) No one has.
☐ b) Katie has.

2) In conversation 2, has she finished the report?

☐ a) Yes, she has.
☐ b) No, not yet.

3) In conversation 3, how long has Katie known Joe?

☐ a) She just met him.
☐ b) Since high school

4) In conversation 4, what does she say about the sweater?

☐ a) She has not worn it much.
☐ b) She hasn't had it long.