

## Present perfect simple or past simple?

NICK Have you seen Ben?

TOM Yes, I saw him about ten minutes ago.

NICK Where did you see him?

TOM In the park. He was arguing with Jason.

NICK Jason? But he's twice as big as Ben. Have you ever had an argument with him?

TOM I once had a fight with him and two other boys.

NICK Did you win?

TOM No, I lost. But it wasn't a fair fight.

Later . . .

NICK Ben! Are you all right? What's happened? You've torn your trousers, and you've lost all your buttons.

BEN Well, I've only lost a few buttons, but Jason has lost the fight.

### This week in BA.

Use the words provided to write one sentence in the present perfect and one sentence simple past about each picture.

Mr Curtis

broke his nose

Saturday



Mr Curtis has broken his nose. (Present Perfect)

Mr Curtis broke his nose on Saturday. (Past Simple)

1 The milkman

have

accident

Monday



2 Sam

marry

Joan

Saturday



3 A thief

steal

Sue's bag

Monday





4 A new restaurant                      open                      yesterday

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5 Jimmy                      win                      the lottery                      Friday

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6 Pim                      lose                      her cat                      Thursday

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### Have you ever . . . ?

Make dialogues with your partner. Use the information in the table.

YOU                      Have you ever been to Spain?

PARTNER              Yes, I have.

YOU                      When did you go there?

PARTNER              I went there two years ago.

| Action       | What/Where?         | When?         |  | Action       | What/Where?      | When?          |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|--|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| <i>go</i>    | to Spain            | two years ago |  | <i>visit</i> | The Iguazú falls | in 2027        |
| <i>see</i>   | The Tower of London | in 2015       |  | <i>eat</i>   | lasagna          | yesterday      |
| <i>watch</i> | MasterChef          | last night    |  | <i>drink</i> | lemonade         | last summer    |
| <i>read</i>  | Hamlet              | two moths ago |  | <i>play</i>  | cards            | yesterday      |
| <i>hear</i>  | a radio play        | last year     |  | <i>meet</i>  | an actress       | two months ago |

YOU: Have you ever \_\_\_\_\_?

PARTNER Yes, I have.

YOU When did you \_\_\_\_\_?

PARTNER I \_\_\_\_\_

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PARTNER Yes, I have.

YOU When did you \_\_\_\_\_?

PARTNER I \_\_\_\_\_

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PARTNER I \_\_\_\_\_

## I haven't written for a long time . . .

Complete the letter with the present perfect simple or the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

Dear Jenny,

I'm sorry I haven't written (not write) for a long time.

I got (get) your last letter in July. A lot of things 1 (happen) since then.

In August we 2 (go) on holiday to Spain. It was great! I 3 (never have) such a good time. I 4 (even learn) a few words of Spanish.

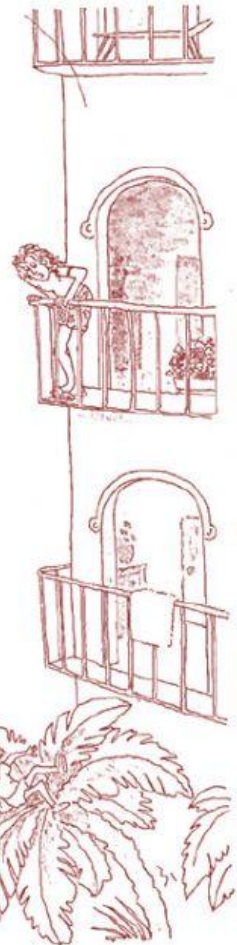
Only two bad things 5 (happen) there. I 6 (lose) my new camera, and my sister 7 (fall) off our hotel balcony and 8 (land) in a palm tree. She almost 9 (destroy) the poor tree. I 10 (send) you a postcard from Granada. 11 (you get) it?

In September I 12 (start) at my new school. I 13 (already make) a lot of new friends.

One more bit of news: I 14 (paint) my room - bright orange! Mum and Dad aren't too happy, but my friends think it's great.

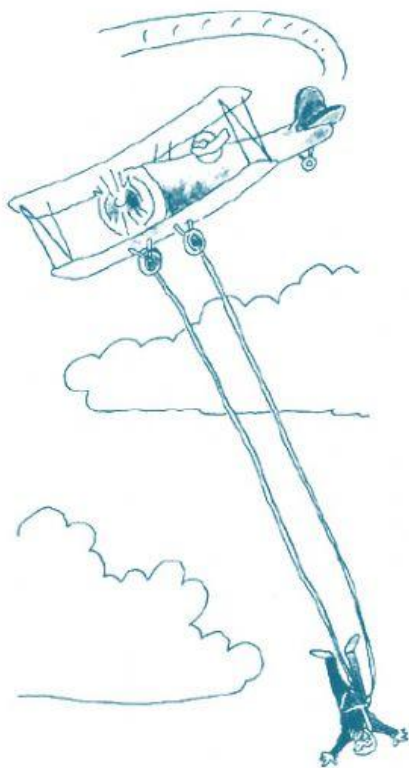
Please write soon.

Much love, *Sandra*



## Daring Tim, the stunt man

Nick is talking to Daring Tim, the stunt man. Complete the sentences with the present perfect simple or the past simple of the verbs in brackets.



**NICK** Dirk, how long have you been (you be) a stunt man?

**TIM** For about ten years now.

**NICK** And how did you become (you become) a stuntman in the first place?

**TIM** Well, that's a long story. One night about ten years ago I \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) a fight in a bar. Jake, who is now my boss, \_\_\_\_\_ (see) me in action and \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) me a job with his stunt team. I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it.

**NICK** \_\_\_\_\_ (you ever jump) from a plane?

**TIM** Yes, lots of times. Hanging upside down from a plane is nothing special.

**NICK** \_\_\_\_\_ (you ever have) a serious accident?

**TIM** Yes.

**NICK** When \_\_\_\_\_? (it happen) and what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen)?

**TIM** Four years ago, I \_\_\_\_\_ (jump) off a building onto a trampoline. I \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the trampoline. I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my nose, both arms and both legs.

**NICK** What's the most dangerous stunt that you \_\_\_\_\_ (ever do)?

**TIM** I think it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) last year. I \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) a car over the edge of the Grand Canyon.

**NICK** \_\_\_\_\_ (you ever be) married?

**TIM** Only once. My wife \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) me after only three months. She couldn't stand the excitement.