

- 1 Read about **Sabine Caron**. Complete the text with a verb from the box in the Present Perfect.

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- 2 Complete what Sabine says.

- 1 I've **been** to a great many countries in my life.
- 2 I've been to the Arctic, but I _____ to the Antarctic.
- 3 Jean-Luc and I _____ married for many years.
- 4 We _____ in the US for quite a few years now.
- 5 We _____ never _____ dinner with the US President.
- 6 Our son _____ recently _____ work for a French travel magazine.

Sabine Caron

Foreign correspondent and keen traveller



Sabine Caron is French, but she now lives in the US. She's 60 years old, and she's still as active as ever. She ¹ **has worked** for the newspaper *La Journal Amérique* for over ten years, as their foreign correspondent. She ² _____ widely in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, but she ³ _____ much in Latin America yet. She ⁴ _____ many famous world leaders, including Nelson Mandela and three US presidents. She and her husband, the writer Jean-Luc Caron, are good friends of the French President – they ⁵ _____ dinner together many times, both in Paris and New York.

Her passion is travel. She ⁶ _____ Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, she ⁷ _____ the Northern Lights in Alaska, and she ⁸ _____ a bike along the Great Wall of China. She ⁹ _____ a number of books about her experiences. Her book about walking in the Arctic, *Alone Again*, won an award in 2010.

She ¹⁰ _____ married to Jean-Luc for nearly 40 years. They ¹¹ _____ in France since 2009, but they often visit their son, Leon, and his family there. Leon is following in his parents' footsteps. He's a journalist and ¹² _____ just _____ work for the French magazine, *Condé Nast Traveler*.

Questions and short answers

- 3 You are interviewing Sabine. Complete the questions.

- 1 'How long _____ you _____ for the *La Journal Amérique*?
'For over ten years.'
- 2 'Which famous people _____ you _____?'
'Nelson Mandela and the last three US presidents.'
- 3 '_____ you ever _____ dinner with the US President?'
'No, I haven't! But I have with the French President.'
- 4 'How many books _____ you _____?'
'Four. They're all about places I've been to.'
- 5 'How long _____ you _____ married to Jean-Luc?'
'Nearly 40 years.'

- 4 Complete the short answers about Sabine and Jean-Luc.

- 1 'Has she been to China?'
'Yes, _____.'
- 2 'Has she ever been to Brazil?'
'No, _____, but she's hoping to go soon.'
- 3 'Has she been married more than once?'
'No, _____. Jean-Luc is the love of her life!'
- 4 'Have she and Jean-Luc visited their son recently?'
'Yes, _____. They went to Paris last month.'
- 5 'Has she had a good life?'
'Yes, _____. It's been a really exciting life.'

5 Rewrite the sentences using the Past Simple and the time expression in brackets.

- 1 I've already seen that film. (yesterday)
I saw it yesterday.
- 2 We've arrived in Moscow. (at six o'clock)
We _____ here _____.
- 3 She's bought a new bag. (last week)
She _____ it _____.
- 4 Damien's written a novel. (two years ago)
He _____ it _____.
- 5 They've been to Japan before. (in 2014)
They _____ there _____.
- 6 She's just begun learning French. (after her holiday in Nice)
She _____.

6 A Hey, Beth! It's been ages! When do you start your new job?

B I ¹ _____ (already, start). I ² _____ (start) a week ago in fact.

A So, how's it going? ³ _____ you _____ (meet) your new boss yet?

B No, I ⁴ _____! She ⁵ _____ (be) abroad at a conference. She ⁶ _____ (get back) last night, so I'll meet her today.

A And do you like the work so far?

B It's early days! I ⁷ _____ (not decide) yet.

A Well, good luck! Let me know how it goes!

7. Write the correct tag for these sentences

- 1 That was a great meal, _____?
- 2 This isn't the best restaurant in town, _____?
- 3 We come here a lot, _____?
- 4 We came here for Tina's birthday, _____?
- 5 Everyone had a great time, _____?
- 6 You like the Italian restaurant best, _____?
- 7 The Indian in the High Street's very good, _____?
- 8 We've had a lovely evening, _____?

8. Answer these questions about you.

- a. Where do you live? _____
- b. How long have you lived there? _____
- c. Why did you move there? _____
- d. What do you do? _____
- e. How long have worked there? _____