

Present Perfect vs Past Simple

1 Choose the correct option (a or b).

- 1 ___ to the west coast of Ireland? It's beautiful.
a Did you ever go b Have you ever been
- 2 I ___ a lot of interesting cities in my life, but I think New York is my favourite.
a 've visited b visited
- 3 I ___ Mexican food a few times, but it's too spicy for me.
a 've tried b tried
- 4 You should get your postcard soon. I ___ it a week ago.
a 've posted b posted
- 5 My dad ___ about two hundred photos on this holiday so far.
a has taken b took
- 6 ___ any souvenirs when you were in Canada?
a Have you bought b Did you buy

2 Complete with the present perfect or past simple.

- 1 Maria has broken her leg. She broke it two days ago. (break)
- 2 I _____ my sunglasses. I _____ them last week. (lose)
- 3 Mr and Mrs Hicks _____ their house. They _____ it in April. (sell)
- 4 They're on holiday. They _____ to Japan. They _____ to Japan last year, too. (go)
- 5 I _____ my homework. I _____ it this morning. (do)
- 6 We _____ the tickets for the concert. We _____ them on Friday. (buy)

3 Complete the dialogue with the verbs below. Use the present perfect or past simple.

go go never go not have stay visit

- Max 1 _____ you _____ to Portugal?
- Lucy Yes, I 2 _____ there last summer.
- Max 3 _____ you _____ Porto?
- Lucy No, we 4 _____ time. We 5 _____ in Lisbon.
- Max I'd like to see Lisbon. I 6 _____ there.

4 Make sentences from the words in brackets. Use the present perfect or past simple.

- 1 (it / not / rain / this week) It hasn't rained this week.
- 2 (the weather / be / cold / recently) The weather _____
- 3 (it / cold / last week) It _____
- 4 (I / not / read / a newspaper yesterday) I _____
- 5 (I / not / read / a newspaper today) _____