

# Grammar

## Present Perfect

### Positive and negative

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

be	climb	have	meet	not live	ride
see	travel	not travel	start	<del>work</del>	write

- 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 <sup>1</sup> has worked for the newspaper *La Journal Amérique* for over ten years, as their foreign correspondent. She <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ widely in Africa, the Middle East and Asia, but she <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ much in Latin America yet. She <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dinner together many times, both in Paris and New York.

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

She <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ married to Jean-Luc for nearly 40 years. They <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ just \_\_\_\_\_ work for the French magazine, *Condé Nast Traveler*.

### 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.'

*Listen and check*

#### 5. Put *never, already, just* or *yet* in the right place in B's lines.

1. A There's a good film on at the cinema. Would you like to see it?

B. That's a nice idea I've seen it.

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2. A. You look awful! What's the matter?

B. I've had the most terrible news!

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3. A. Where's my white T-shirt?

B. I haven't washed it. Sorry.

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4. A Istanbul is just amazing, isn't it?

B. I don't know. I've been there.

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5. A Don't forget to phone Tony about Saturday.

B. I've spoken to him. He knows all about it.

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*Listen and check*

6. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Ana hasn't been (not go) on holiday yet this summer.
- 2 Daisy and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (not receive) their exam results last week.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) to swim when I was a child.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in Tokyo in 2001.
- 5 Leon \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to school in Dublin until he was twelve.
- 6 Ute \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in this house since she was a baby.
- 7 We \_\_\_\_\_ (be) married since last autumn.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ you ever \_\_\_\_\_ (win) anything in a competition?
- 9 She \_\_\_\_\_ (not speak) to him since their divorce.
- 10 Jan \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) abroad since a business trip in 1998.