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	~~work~~	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 [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*.

3. You are interviewing Sabine. Complete the questions.

1. 'How long.....you.....*for the* La Journal Amerique? - '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.'

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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.'

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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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6. Complete the sentences with the correct form if 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.

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