PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE?



1 Instructions Listen to Kate, Rosie and John answering questions about shopping. Which chain stores from above do they mention?

[ ] **Zara** [ ] **Apple** [ ] **TopShop** [ ] **The Body Shop**
[ ] **H&M** [ ] **Nike** [ ] **IKEA** [ ]**UNIQLO**

2 Listen again. What did each person buy? Are they happy with what they bought?

Person	They bought….	Are they happy?
Kate		
Rosie		
John		

3 Listen and check. Look at the beginnings of Kate's interview. What are the missing verbs?

A [1]_____ you _____ to a chain store recently?

B Yes, [2]I_____. I [3]_____ to H&M three weeks ago.

A And what [4]_____ you _____ ?

B I [5]_____ a skirt.

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4B present perfect or past simple? (1)

present perfect: experiences and unfinished time

She's **been** to New York three times. 4.19
Have you **ever been** to Ikea?
I'**ve never** met Nina's husband.
He'**s seen** that film twice.

- We often use the present perfect to talk about past experiences or to talk about the recent past when we don't specify a time. In questions and negatives we often use *ever* (= at any time in your life) and *never*.

present perfect or past simple?

A **Have** you **ever been** to Mexico? **B** Yes, I **have**. 4.20
A When **did** you **go** there? **B** I **went** last year.
A Jack'**s broken** his leg. **B** Oh no! When **did** that **happen**?
A Yesterday. He **broke** it playing football.

- Conversations about experiences or the recent past often begin in the present perfect (with a general question or some news) and then change to the past simple to ask for or give specific details, e.g. *when, what, where, who with*, etc.

been and gone

Compare the present perfect of *be* and *go*.
*Mike has **been** to Paris.* = He went to Paris and came back.
*Mike has **gone** to Paris.* = He's in Paris now.

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a Complete with the verb in the present perfect.

Have you ever *broken* your leg? (break)

1 _____ you ever _____ clothes from that shop? (buy)

2 I _____ always _____ a pair of designer sunglasses. (want)

3 I _____ this book. Is it good? (not read)

4 We _____ to the new shopping centre. (not be)

5 _____ your brother ever _____ abroad? (live)

6 They _____ to South America twice. (be)

7 She _____ before. (not fly)

8 James _____ his girlfriend's family. (not meet)

9 _____ you _____ in this restaurant before? (eat)

10 Jenny _____ never _____ me about her family. (tell)

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b Complete the conversation with the present perfect or past simple.

A *Have* you *been* to the new shopping centre? (be)

B Yes, I [1]_____ there last month – it [2]_____ great. (go, be)

A [3]_____ you _____ anything? (buy)

B I [4]_____ a new pair of shoes. (get)

A [5]_____ they expensive? (be)

B Yes, very! [6]_____ you _____ any new clothes recently? (buy)

A No, but my boyfriend [7]_____ me a jacket for my birthday last week. (give)

c Complete with *been* or *gone*.

A Where's Rob? **B** He's *gone* to the football match.

1 The kids aren't here. They've all _____ out.

2 Have you ever _____ to the swimming pool in town?

3 I haven't _____ to Sue's new flat yet.

4 My sister has _____ to live in France and she's really enjoying it.

5 Oh, good. Dad's _____ to the shop – the fridge is full.

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