

## 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 <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ to a chain store recently?

B Yes, <sup>2</sup>I \_\_\_\_\_. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to H&M three weeks ago.

A And what <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ ?

B I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a skirt.

## 4B present perfect or past simple? (1)

### present perfect: experiences and unfinished time

She's **been** to New York three times.

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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**.

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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.

**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)

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

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

B Yes, I <sup>1</sup>                    there last month – it <sup>2</sup>                    great.  
(go, be)

A <sup>3</sup>                    you                    anything? (buy)

B I <sup>4</sup>                    a new pair of shoes. (get)

A <sup>5</sup>                    they expensive? (be)

B Yes, very! <sup>6</sup>                    you                    any new clothes recently? (buy)

A No, but my boyfriend <sup>7</sup>                    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.