



**Mayor** Well done, Ryan!

**Ryan** Thank you.

**Mayor** **Have** you **won** any prizes for your paintings before?

**Ryan** No, but I've **Painted** pictures **since** I **was** four years old.

### The present perfect with *since*, *for*, *already*, *just*, *yet* and *before*

#### Since and for

We use **since** + a point in time, such as a day, date or time. We use **for** + a period of time. Phrases with **for** and **since** go at the end of a sentence.

*I've been at this school **for** two years.*

*I've been at this school **since** 2008.*

#### Already, just, yet and before

We can use the present perfect with **already**, **just**, **yet** and **before**, to give more information about when something happened.

We use **already** to talk about something that has happened before we expected it to.

*They've **already** finished their lunch.*

We use **just** to talk about something that has happened very recently.

*I've **just** seen him.*

We use **yet** in questions and negatives to ask if something that we're waiting for has happened.

*Have you tried any of the food **yet**?*

We use **before** to talk about any time in the past up to now.

*I've never been to an art gallery **before**.*



We put **already** and **just** before the main verb in a sentence. We put **yet** and **before** at the end of a sentence.

### 1 Match 1–9 with a–i.

It is 3 p.m. on Saturday 14th October 2010.

1 d since 1st October 2010

2 \_\_\_\_\_ since June 2010

3 \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour

4 \_\_\_\_\_ for three years

5 \_\_\_\_\_ since three o'clock yesterday

6 \_\_\_\_\_ since last Sunday

7 \_\_\_\_\_ since this morning

8 \_\_\_\_\_ for eleven months

9 \_\_\_\_\_ for three days

a for four months

b for a few hours

c since 2007

d for two weeks

e for one day

f for six days

g since Thursday

h since 2.30 p.m.

i since November 2009



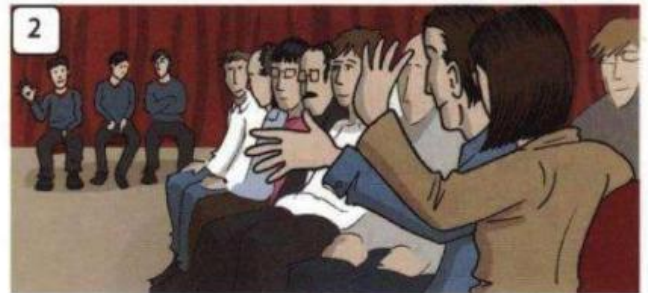
**2 Write the words in the correct order to make sentences. Use the present perfect.**

- 1 yet / Katie's party / yet / not start Katie's party hasn't started yet.
- 2 already / Suzy / go / to the dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 already / Billy / meet / Ted \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 yet / Clare / not pick up / Lucy \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 before / Mum / take / Lewis to the park \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 yet / Penny / not buy / a present for Judy \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 already / Gary / see / Fin \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 before / William / go to the zoo \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Look at the pictures. Write sentences with the present perfect and just.**



Ryan's parents / arrive Ryan's parents have just arrived.



Ryan's mum and dad / see / Ryan \_\_\_\_\_



The Mayor / give Ryan / the trophy \_\_\_\_\_



Ryan / say / 'thank you' to the Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



The photographer / take a photo \_\_\_\_\_



Ryan / leave / the stage \_\_\_\_\_



# Music festival

Every year there is a music festival in London. For one day every year, there are no lessons so that everyone can go and listen to the music - or play an instrument. Lily Parsons interviewed Ted Allen about taking part.

Lily Have you **been** to the festival before?

Ted My class mates and I **have been** to the festival every year since we **started** school. I've always **wanted** to play or sing.

Lily Do you **play** a musical instrument?

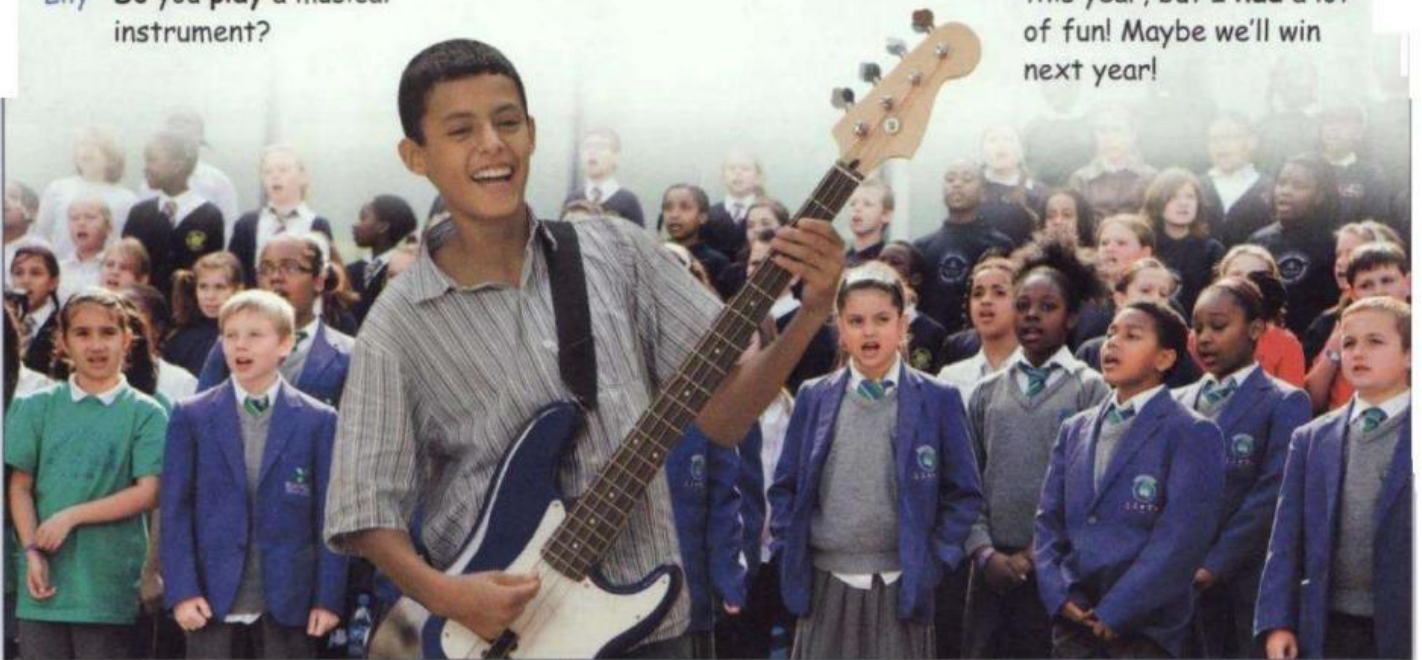
Ted Yes, I do. I've **played** the guitar for three years, but this year, I **played** in the festival for the first time. My class friends all **sang** along.

Lily Were you nervous?

Ted Yes, I **was** really nervous before we performed our song, but I **played** well and my friends **sang** beautifully.

Lily Did you win a prize?

Ted No, we **didn't win** a prize this year, but I **had** a lot of fun! Maybe we'll win next year!



## The past simple and present perfect



We use the past simple to talk about something that started and ended in the past.

*I **bought** some new shoes at the market.*

We usually use a time expression with the past simple. For example, **yesterday**, **last** and **ago** with the past simple.

*They came back from Cairo **yesterday evening**.*

We use the present perfect to talk about something that happened in the past but which is still important now.

*I've **borrowed** your pen.*

When we use the present perfect, we often don't say when the action happened.

*She's **passed** her test.*



4 Read the sentences. Is the second statement true or false? Write **T** or **F**.

1	Carla's lost her bracelet.	Carla doesn't have her bracelet now.	T
2	My brother's gone to Italy.	My brother isn't in Italy now.	
3	Mum's opened the window.	The window is open now.	
4	Grandma's been to the bank.	Grandma is at the bank now.	
5	Billy caught the bus to school yesterday.	Billy is on the bus now.	
6	Tanya's taken Rob to the park.	Rob's at the park now.	
7	They've brought food for the picnic.	The picnic has finished.	
8	Nigel ate all the picnic food.	There is no more food for the picnic.	

5 Match questions 1–10 with answers a–j.

- 1 c Where did you go this morning?
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Has Ted called?
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Did you catch the train?
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Was there a photographer at the performance?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Who's left this bag here?
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Did Jess and Jamie like the play?
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Have we spent all our money?
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Did Jason play football with you?
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Did you have too much to eat?
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Have any famous people ever visited your school?

- a Yes, I did.
- b Yes, they have.
- c I went into town.
- d No, we haven't.
- e Yes, I did. I feel ill.
- f Yes, there was.
- g Yes, they did.
- h I have.
- i No, he didn't.
- j No, he hasn't.

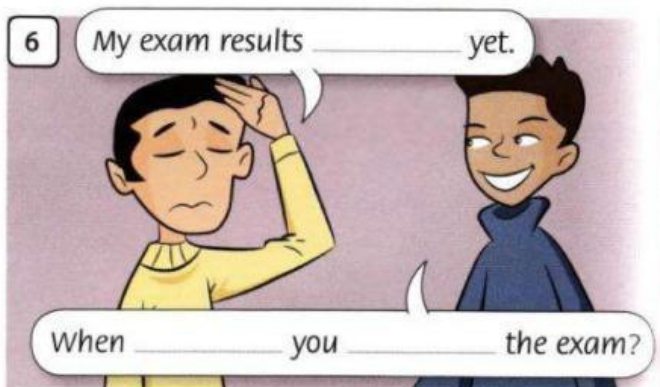
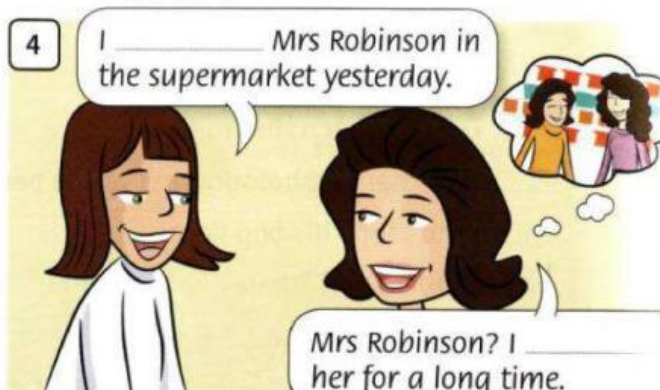
6 Complete the text. Use the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

I <sup>1</sup>'ve lived \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London with my family all my life. My parents <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (be) born here as well. However, my grandparents <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (come) from Ireland. They <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (move) to London in 1950. Since then, neither of my grandparents <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to Ireland, although they still call it their 'home'. They <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (not lose) their Irish accents. Mum and Dad <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Ireland lots of times, and when I was 10, they <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (take) me with them for the first time.



7 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in the box.

start/be hurt/happen lose/leave invite/not send  
not arrive/do see/not see do/play visit/go





**8 Complete the postcard and the email. Use the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in brackets.**

Hi Cara,  
Hello from Spain! We <sup>1</sup> arrived (arrive) here last week, and we <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) a lot of places since then. My favourite place was Barcelona. Everyone here speaks Spanish, so I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) some words to ask for things in shops. I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to order our meal in a restaurant last night, but the waiter <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not understand)! I'll have to study harder! We <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (already buy) lots of souvenirs. I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) you a great present yesterday in Madrid. I'll give it to you when we get back home. Take care, Marion

Hi Lewis,  
How are you? It <sup>8</sup> hasn't been (not be) very hot here since you <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to California. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (it be) sunny there since you <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive)? Tell me your news! The exams at school <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) and the teacher <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) us our results. Everyone <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pass). In fact, everyone <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get) really good marks. <sup>16</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you receive) your marks in the post yet? What <sup>17</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you get)? I can't wait to come and visit you. I <sup>18</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (book) my flight to America two days ago. I'm arriving in four weeks. <sup>19</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (you plan) what we're going to do yet? Can we go to the beach? See you soon, Ethan  
P.S. I <sup>20</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (attach) a photo of our class so you can remember us all!

**9 Write questions with the past simple and the present perfect. Then write answers about yourself.**

1 already / eat lunch / you?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 you / to school / yesterday / go?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 yet / you / have breakfast?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 you / play football / today / already?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 you / live / in your house / since last year?

\_\_\_\_\_