3 A celebration

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



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	a	for four months
2	_____ since June 2010	b	for a few hours
3	_____ for half an hour	c	since 2007
4	_____ for three years	d	for two weeks
5	_____ since three o'clock yesterday	e	for one day
6	_____ since last Sunday	f	for six days
7	_____ since this morning	g	since Thursday
8	_____ for eleven months	h	since 2.30 p.m.
9	_____ for three days	i	since November 2009

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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 _____

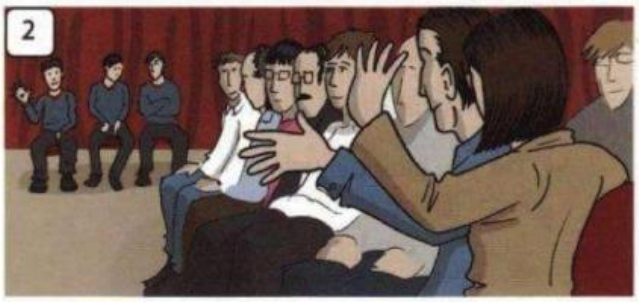
3 **Look at the pictures. Write sentences with the present perfect and just.**

1



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

2



Ryan's mum and dad / see / Ryan _____

3



The Mayor / give Ryan / the trophy _____

4



Ryan / say / 'thank you' to the Mayor _____

5



The photographer / take a photo _____

6



Ryan / leave / the stage _____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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?

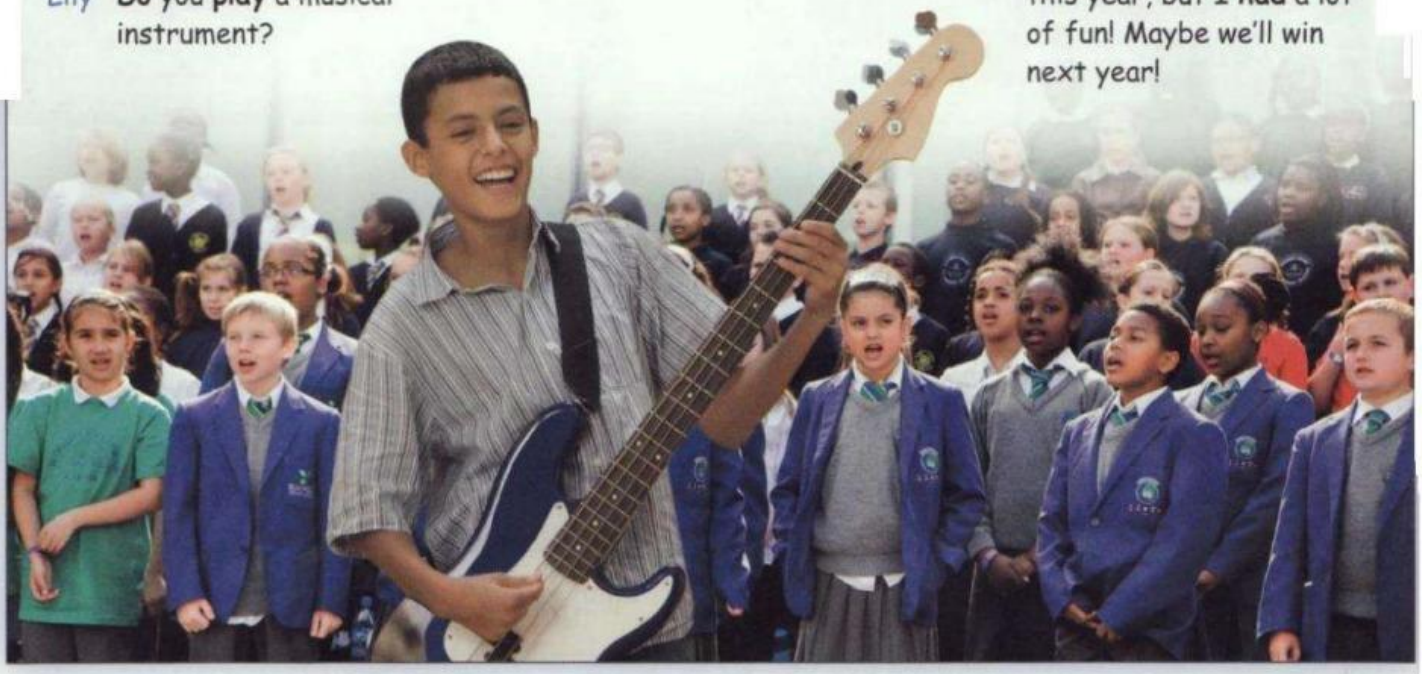
Ted Yes, I do. I**'ve played** the guitar for three years, but this year, I **played** in the festival for the first time. My class friends all **sang** along.

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.*

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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.

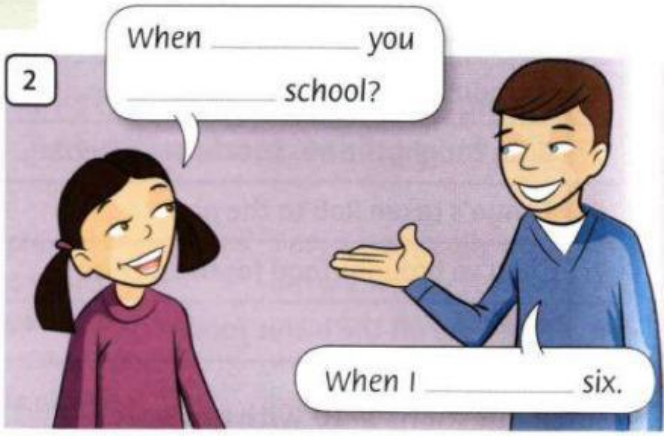
I [1] 've lived (live) in London with my family all my life. My parents [2] _____ (be) born here as well. However, my grandparents [3] _____ (come) from Ireland. They [4] _____ (move) to London in 1950. Since then, neither of my grandparents [5] _____ (go) back to Ireland, although they still call it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

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

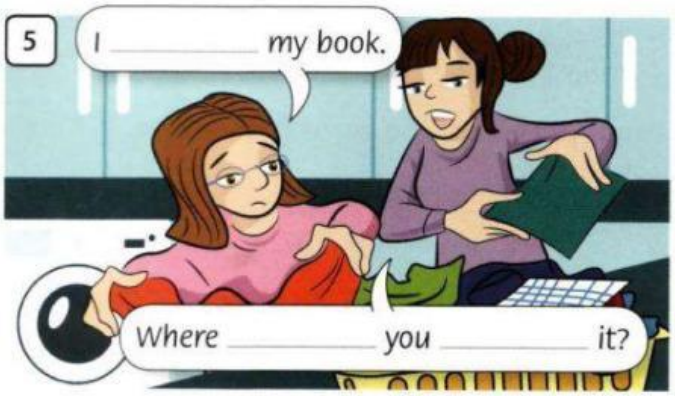
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not arrive/do see/not see do/play visit/go

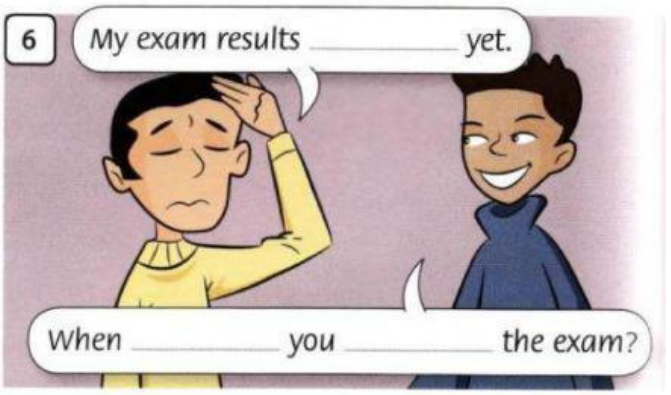
















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8 Complete the postcard and the email. Use the past simple or the present perfect of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Cara,
Hello from Spain! We [1] arrived (arrive) here last week, and we [2] _____ (visit) a lot of places since then. My favourite place was Barcelona. Everyone here speaks Spanish, so I [3] _____ (learn) some words to ask for things in shops. I [4] _____ (try) to order our meal in a restaurant last night, but the waiter [5] _____ (not understand)! I'll have to study harder! We [6] _____ (already buy) lots of souvenirs. I [7] _____ (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 [8] hasn't been (not be) very hot here since you [9] _____ (move) to California. [10] _____ (it be) sunny there since you [11] _____ (arrive)? Tell me your news! The exams at school [12] _____ (finish) and the teacher [13] _____ (tell) us our results. Everyone [14] _____ (pass). In fact, everyone [15] _____ (get) really good marks. [16] _____ (you receive) your marks in the post yet? What [17] _____ (you get)?
I can't wait to come and visit you.
I [18] _____ (book) my flight to America two days ago. I'm arriving in four weeks. [19] _____ (you plan) what we're going to do yet? Can we go to the beach?
See you soon, Ethan
P.S. I [20] _____ (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?
_____

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