2B Grammar

Present perfect and past simple contrast

I can use the past simple and present perfect tenses correctly.

1 Circle the correct answers.

1 Fran **went / has gone** ballroom dancing last night.
2 **Did you finish / Have you finished** vlogging yet?
3 I **had / have had** this camera for over a year.
4 I **read / have read** the whole magazine in an hour.
5 Sam isn't hungry because he **already ate / has already eaten**.
6 **Did you go / Have you been** cycling last weekend?

2 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

1 I didn't go rollerblading before. Is it fun?
_____
2 I've fallen over while I was ice skating.
_____
3 Did Jasmine text you yet?
_____
4 Dan has gone bowling on his birthday.
_____
5 I didn't go camping since last summer.
_____

3 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple in one sentence and the present perfect in the other.

1 a I _____ skateboarding lots of times. (go)
b Katie _____ shopping yesterday. (go)
2 a When _____ you _____ that cake? (bake)
b I _____ cakes since I was ten. (bake)
3 a Joe loves karate. He _____ it for ages. (do)
b I _____ ballet for a year, but I gave it up. (do)
4 a *Northern Lights* is a great book. _____ you _____ it? (read)
b I _____ four novels last month. (read)

4 USE OF ENGLISH Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in brackets and the past simple or present perfect. You will need to add other words.

1 I can still remember my tenth birthday party. (never)
I *have never forgotten* my tenth birthday party.
2 Tomorrow, Jason will go horse riding for the first time. (never)
Jason _____ horse riding before.
3 I haven't played table tennis for a year. (ago)
I last _____.
4 Tom has just texted me. (a moment ago)
Tom _____.
5 The last time I vlogged was a year ago. (for)
I _____ a year.
6 Is this your first time at this gym? (ever)
_____ before?
7 My brother has collected stamps since he was six. (collecting)
My _____ when he was six.



5 Complete the interview with the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Interviewer When [1] _____ you _____ (start) rollerblading?
Tiffany I first [2] _____ (go) rollerblading when I was nine. I [3] _____ (stop) for a few years, then I [4] _____ (take) it up again when I was in my teens.
Interviewer How often do you practise?
Tiffany As often as I can. But it [5] _____ (be) very wet recently, so I [6] _____ (not be able) to get out on the streets much, which is very frustrating.
Interviewer Who are your favourite rollerbladers?
Tiffany I love watching Chris Haffey. I [7] _____ (always / admire) him. In 2011, he [8] _____ (break) the world record for the longest jump – 30 metres!
Interviewer [9] _____ you _____ (have) much success in competitions?
Tiffany Yes, I [10] _____ (win) quite a few competitions. I [11] _____ (come) first in the 2014 Street Rollerblading Open Championship.
Interviewer That's fantastic!

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