

4B

Past simple and present perfect contrast

A Complete the magazine interview. Use the past simple or present perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- Interviewer** When ¹ _____ you _____ (take up) playing rugby, Georgina?
- Georgina** About three years ago. Before that I ² _____ (play) football, but then my mates ³ _____ (persuade) me to give rugby a go.
- Interviewer** And I hear you play for your school. How long ⁴ _____ you _____ (be) in the team?
- Georgina** I ⁵ _____ (join) the team just over two years ago and I ⁶ _____ (play) in lots of matches since then.
- Interviewer** ⁷ _____ your team ever _____ (win) a competition?
- Georgina** Yes, we ⁸ _____ (win) the inter-school championship in June. That ⁹ _____ (be) awesome!
- Interviewer** It's quite a dangerous sport. ¹⁰ _____ you ever _____ (have) an accident while playing?
- Georgina** Yes, lots! I ¹¹ _____ (dislocate) my shoulder last summer. That really ¹² _____ (hurt) and it ¹³ _____ (take) ages to heal. I ¹⁴ _____ (sprain) my ankle a couple of times too and I ¹⁵ _____ (have) quite a few cut lips and black eyes!
- Interviewer** Wow! It certainly is dangerous!

B Complete the questions using the verbs below in the past simple or present perfect form.

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- 1 _____ you _____ over a lot when you were a child?
- 2 _____ you _____ someone's leg recently?
- 3 _____ you ever _____ stitches?
- 4 _____ you _____ the same hairstyle a year ago?
- 5 _____ you _____ a lot of money last weekend?
- 6 _____ you _____ anyone a hand so far this week?
- 7 _____ you in a good mood the day before yesterday?
- 8 _____ you _____ an English-speaking country yet?
- 9 _____ you _____ your best friend for over ten years?
- 10 _____ you _____ this morning and arrive late to school?

C Ask your classmates the questions from B. If you find someone who says *yes*, write down his / her name and get some extra details.

Did you fall over a lot when you were a child?

Yes, I was so clumsy! I always had bruises and grazes on my knees and shins.