

5B ■ Grammar and listening Too young, too old?

1 **SPEAKING** Look at the profiles of Jordan Romero and Anthony Smith. What is unusual about them? What have they achieved? Why do you think they did it?

Present perfect and past simple

2 1.24 Listen to an interview with a climbing instructor. Why did Jordan Romero climb Everest?

3 1.24 Choose the correct answers. Then listen again and check.

- How many mountains has Jordan Romero climbed?
 - He's climbed eight mountains.
 - He's climbed seven mountains.
- When did he climb Everest?
 - He climbed Everest in 2010.
 - He climbed Everest in 2011.
- How old was he then?
 - He was thirteen.
 - He was nine.
- Has he been to Antarctica?
 - Yes, he has.
 - No, he hasn't.
- Has Marco ever climbed with a young explorer?
 - Yes, he's climbed with Jordan.
 - No, he's never done that.

4 Study the questions and answers in exercise 3. Which sentences are in the past simple? Which are in the present perfect? Complete the rules.

- We use to talk about an event that happened at a definite time in the past.
- We use to talk about an event that happened at an indefinite time in the past.
- We form the present perfect with the auxiliary verb and the past participle of the main verb.
- We often use *ever* and *never* with the present perfect to talk about experiences. We only use in questions.
- Compare the participles *been* and *gone*:
He's been to Antarctica. = He went to Antarctica and came back.
He's gone to Antarctica. = He went to Antarctica and is still there now.

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5 Complete the text about young adventurers with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

6 **SPEAKING** Choose three of the activities below. Then ask and answer with a partner. Use the present perfect for the questions and the past simple to give more details.

- try a risky sport ■ watch an adventure film
- travel to another country ■ give money to charity
- be on a motorbike ■ fly in a hot-air balloon

Have you ever tried a risky sport?

Yes, I have. I went skiing two years ago and broke my leg!

Jordan Romero

Achievement: climbed Everest

Ambition: climb the highest mountain in every state of the USA

Recent activity: wrote a book

Interests: skiing, skateboarding, friends' parties



This month's

Young adventurers

Most people ¹ (never visit) the North Pole, but Parker Liautaud has. Last year, Parker ² (ski) 130 km across the Arctic in freezing temperatures. In the same year, he also ³ (start) a Facebook page about climate change. It's amazing because Parker is only sixteen years old and still ⁴ (not finish) school – he's a very young explorer.

⁵ you ⁶ (ever be) to the South Pole? Maybe not, but in 2009, Katie Walter ⁶ (walk) there and back in twenty days. She was only seventeen years old and she ⁷ (make) a lot of money for charity.

Parker and Katie ⁸ (achieve) great things, but they are both still teenagers. ⁹ they ¹⁰ (do) too much, too young? Some people think so. Some psychologists say that it's dangerous for teens to take these risks because their brains ¹⁰ (not develop) enough. Katie and Parker probably disagree! What do you think?

Anthony Smith**Achievement:** flew a hot-air balloon from Zanzibar to East Africa**Ambition:** climb a mountain, go skydiving**Recent activity:** sailed across the Atlantic in a raft**Interests:** science, gardening, reading

cool explorers

A veteran's story

Anthony Smith is an old-age pensioner from London. He ¹ a life full of adventure. When he was young, he ² biology at university. After that, he ³ a pilot and also ⁴ as a science correspondent for a newspaper. He ⁵ more than thirty books, but he ⁶ any films. In January 2012, he ⁷ from the Canary Islands to the Bahamas in the Caribbean. He wanted to prove that old people can still have adventures. He ⁸ alone. Three other old adventurers joined him. He ⁹ a lot of money for a charity that provides clean water for people in Africa, Asia and Central America. He ¹⁰ through seventy countries, but he ¹¹ to the South Pole. He ¹² an interview for our newspaper. You can read it in the next issue.

**Present perfect with *already*, *just* and *yet***

7 Look at the profile of Anthony Smith, then read the advert he posted in a newspaper. What is it asking for? What type of person would answer the advert?

Fancy sailing across the Atlantic in a raft?**Famous traveller needs three crew.****Must be old-age pensioners.****Serious adventurers only.**

8 Read the profiles of Jordan and Anthony again and complete the sentences.

1 has *already* flown in a hot-air balloon.
2 hasn't climbed a mountain *yet*.
3 has *just* written a book.

9 Study the sentences in exercise 8 and complete the rules with *already*, *just* and *yet*. Then make three more sentences about Jordan and Anthony.

With the present perfect, we use:

a to talk about recent events.
b to talk about an event or action that happened sooner than expected.
c to talk about an event or action that has not happened.
d in negative sentences and questions.
e and before the past participle.

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10 Complete the text about a veteran's story with the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs below. Can you add *already*, *just* or *yet* to any of the sentences?

become ■ give ■ have ■ not be ■ not go ■ not produce
raise ■ sail ■ study ■ travel ■ work ■ write

11 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. How well do you know your classmates? Complete the profile for each person in your group. Then ask and answer to find out if your ideas are correct.

Name:**Achievement:****Ambition:****Recent activity:****Interests:**

DVD extra Great explorers: Edmund Hillary