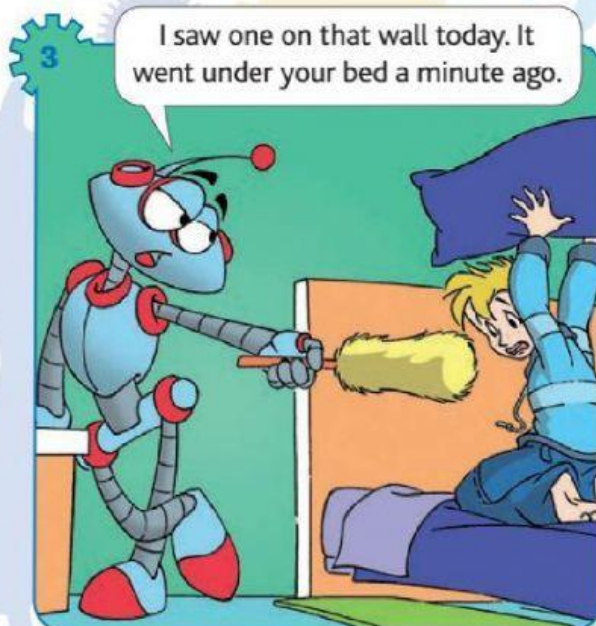
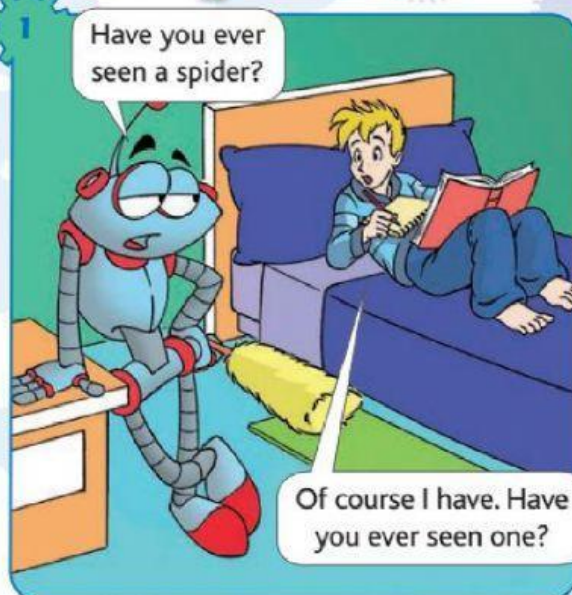


## 7

# Past simple and present perfect



## Past simple

I bought a new computer last week.  
He came back four hours ago.  
We had dinner at eight o'clock.  
She didn't phone us last night.  
I didn't see him yesterday.  
They lived here many years ago.  
Did you play golf on Saturday?

## Present perfect

I've bought a new computer.  
He's just come back.  
We've already had dinner.  
She hasn't phoned us yet.  
I haven't seen him for days.  
They've lived here since 2004.  
Have you ever played golf?



### Past simple

- We use the past simple to talk about:
  - an action that happened at a specific time in the past. We mention when the action happened.  
*Nadia **bought** a computer last week.*
  - an action or situation that began and ended in the past.  
*My grandad **lived** here many years ago.*
- We often use the following time expressions with the past simple: *yesterday, yesterday morning, last month, a year ago, in 2007, on 25th May, etc*  
*I didn't see Bill **yesterday**.*

### Present perfect

- We use the present perfect to talk about:
  - an action that happened in the past. We don't mention when it happened, either because we don't know or because it is not important.  
*Nadia **has bought** a computer.*
  - an action or situation that began in the past and is still going on.  
*My grandad **has lived** here since 2003.*
  - an action that happened in the past and has an effect on the present.  
*He **can't** see. He's **broken** his glasses.*
- We often use the following time expressions with the present perfect: *ever, never, just, already, yet, for, since, how long, etc*  
*I **haven't** seen Bill **since** last Wednesday.*

## 1 Circle the correct answer.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Mary borrowed some money from me<br><u>last month</u> / since last month. | 5 We haven't seen Nikki and Ben <i>last week</i> /<br>for a week.           |
| 2 My parents have had their car <i>ten years</i><br>ago / for ten years.    | 6 I didn't visit Dave <i>yesterday</i> / yet.                               |
| 3 The baby hasn't woken up <i>last night</i> / yet.                         | 7 They left <i>three hours ago</i> / since yesterday.                       |
| 4 Theo phoned us <i>an hour ago</i> / already.                              | 8 Have you finished your Science project<br><i>yesterday morning</i> / yet? |

## 2 Complete. Use the past simple or present perfect.

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| 1 They <u>have come</u> back from London.<br>They <u>came</u> back last night. (come) | 6 Natalie ..... that museum. She<br>..... it in March. (visit)     |
| 2 I ..... my Geography homework.<br>I ..... it this morning. (do)                     | 7 I ..... the cat. I ..... it<br>two hours ago. (feed)             |
| 3 Alex and I ..... this film. We<br>..... it last week. (see)                         | 8 They ..... Jack's brother. They<br>..... him last year. (meet)   |
| 4 I ..... a present for my mother.<br>I ..... it yesterday. (buy)                     | 9 We ..... Leo about the party.<br>We ..... him last week. (tell)  |
| 5 Michael ..... his project. He<br>..... it last night. (finish)                      | 10 Fiona ..... to New York. She<br>..... there four days ago. (be) |

### 3 Complete. Use the past simple or present perfect.

- The train ..... arrived ..... at the station at half past six. (arrive)
- Caroline ..... home from school. (just / come)
- I ..... late for school yesterday. (be)
- Josh ..... the CD he wants. (already / choose)
- I ..... this song before. (never / hear)
- Amy ..... at her granny's house last night. (sleep)



### 4 Write questions and short answers. Use the past simple or present perfect.

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| 1 you / ever / fly / in a hot air balloon? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X<br>A: <u>Have you ever flown in a hot air balloon?</u><br>B: <u>No, I haven't.</u> | 4 he / ever / try / Mexican food? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X<br>A: .....<br>B: ..... |
| 2 Angie / phone / you last night? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓<br>A: .....<br>B: .....                                                                     | 5 they / move / here last year? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓<br>A: .....<br>B: .....   |
| 3 you / wash / the car yet? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓<br>A: .....<br>B: .....                                                                           | 6 you / stay / at home yesterday? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X<br>A: .....<br>B: ..... |

### 5 Read and complete. Use the past simple or present perfect.

New Message

Hi, Becky

Thanks for your e-mail. It was great to hear from you! Yes, I <sup>1</sup> ..... started ..... (start) at my new school a week ago. It's fantastic! I <sup>2</sup> ..... (have) my first singing lesson yesterday and it <sup>3</sup> ..... (be) great fun! We <sup>4</sup> ..... (sing) songs from the musical *Grease* – my favourite! My teacher's name is Mrs Evans. She <sup>5</sup> ..... (be) a music teacher for twelve years and she <sup>6</sup> ..... (teach) here since 2004. She's really nice.

I <sup>7</sup> ..... (make) some new friends here but I really miss you and Harry. How is Harry? I <sup>8</sup> ..... (not hear from) him since I left London. I <sup>9</sup> ..... (phone) him last night but he <sup>10</sup> ..... (not be) at home. Tell him I said hello! And please e-mail me soon!

Love,  
Lily

## 6 Read and circle the correct answer.

New Message

Hi, Lily

How are you? I saw Becky <sup>1</sup> last week / *since last week* and she gave me your e-mail address, so here I am! Unfortunately, I <sup>2</sup> *didn't buy* / *haven't bought* my own computer yet, so I couldn't e-mail you sooner (I'm sitting in an Internet café at the moment). So, you like your new school and you <sup>3</sup> *already made* / *have already made* some new friends! I'm very happy for you, Lily!

Guess what? We're going to move, too. My dad <sup>4</sup> *just found* / *has just found* a new job in Manchester, so we're going to move there. We bought our new house <sup>5</sup> *two weeks ago* / *since two weeks*. I <sup>6</sup> *didn't see* / *haven't seen* it yet but Mum says it's beautiful. I'll send you photos, of course!

Bye for now,  
Harry

## 7 Let's write! Imagine you've just moved to a different town / city / country. Write a letter to a friend. You can use these ideas.

When did you move here?  
Do you like your new neighbourhood?  
How was your first day at your new school?  
How did you feel?  
Have you made any new friends?  
What else have you done since you moved here? What haven't you done yet?

Dear .....

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Best wishes,

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## 8 Let's talk! Work with a partner. Ask and answer.

- 1 you / ever / lie / to your best friend?
- 2 how long / you / know / your best friend?
- 3 you / see / your best friend on Saturday?
- 4 your best friend / have / a birthday party last year?
- 5 you / ever / sleep over / at your best friend's house?
- 6 your best friend / phone / you yesterday?

Have you ever lied to your best friend?

No, I haven't.