

PRESENT PERFECT OR PAST SIMPLE

A) Read the texts and put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Present Perfect tense.

1 I _____ (climb) many mountains so far. I _____ (climb) Ben Nevis in Scotland, Mount Olympus in Greece and even Mount Elbrus in Russia. But there's one mountain I _____ (not climb) yet – Mount Everest. Do you know that Jordan Romero _____ (be) only 13 years old when he _____ (climb) Mount Everest? He also _____ (climb) the "Seven Summits" in 2011.

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THOMAS: _____ you ever _____ (invent) anything?

CHRISTIAN: No, never.

THOMAS: _____ you ever _____ (publish) a book?

CHRISTIAN: No, I _____. Why are you asking me all these questions?

THOMAS: Well, Louis Braille _____ (invent) the Braille System when he _____ (be) 15. He _____ (be) blind himself. He _____ (publish) his first book when he was 19. That's simply amazing, isn't it?

CHRISTIAN: Yes, it is. But, I _____ (learn) to read Braille!

THOMAS: Really? Why? When?

CHRISTIAN: A really cute blind girl _____ (come) to our class last year. She _____ (need) help and I _____ (want) to help her. So I _____ (have to) learn Braille.

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CLAIRE: _____ (you / hear) of Laura Dekker?

JILL: It sounds familiar... Is she the girl who _____ (sail) around the world when she was 14?

CLAIRE: Yes, that's her. It _____ (take) her two years to finish the trip. She _____ (do) it in 2010 and nobody _____ (manage) to beat her record since then.

JILL: Wow! That's awesome!

4 I _____ (always admire) people who won the Nobel Prize. There _____ (be) so many of them. However, one girl stands out – Malala Yousafzai. She _____ (win) the Nobel Peace Prize when she _____ (be) only 17 years old. When she was 11 she _____ (fight) for girls' right to education because the Pakistani Taliban _____ (not let) girls go to school. They even _____ (attack) her and _____ (try) to kill her two years later, in 2012, but they _____ (not succeed). She _____ (not stop) fighting for education rights since then.

5 People today use their mobile phones for everything. When they first _____ (appear), you _____ (can) only call and text your friends. But since then they _____ (transform) into little computers. The greatest thing, for me, are apps. I use them all the time. I think I _____ (download) hundreds of apps so far. But I _____ (never create) an app. I'd like to do that one day.



6 Last week our teacher _____ (talk) about something very interesting – helping a charity. She _____ (show) us a film about people volunteering to feed hungry children all over the world. She also _____ (mention) her friend whose children give to charities a certain amount of their pocket money. We _____ (be) really impressed. So, I _____ (decide) to do the same. I _____ (already choose) a charity I want to help and I _____ (set aside) the amount of money I'll give them. But I _____ (not give) them the money yet. And I still _____ (not find) other ways to help.

B) Complete the sentences. Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or the Present Perfect tense.

- 1 Susan _____ (make) us dinner, let's eat!
- 2 She _____ (make) dinner half an hour ago.
- 3 I _____ (know) my English teacher for seven years.
I _____ (meet) her seven years ago.
- 4 James _____ (know) her since 3rd grade.
- 5 We _____ (travel) to China last year. It _____ (be) an amazing trip
and we _____ (have) a great time.
- 6 Russell _____ (already speak) to his teacher about the essay.
- 7 I _____ (wear) this jacket last year and the year before last.
So, I _____ (have) the same jacket for three years now.
- 8 I _____ (leave) my keys somewhere and now I can't get into the car.
- 9 I _____ (sleep) really well last night.
- 10 We _____ (move) house five times so far.

C) Put the expressions in the right order to make sentences. Put the verbs into the Past Simple or the Present Perfect tense.

1 snow / last / fall / lots of / night / .

2 start / friend / how to / learning / paint / my best / .

3 my leg / I / two months / break / in / accident / a skiing / ago / .

4 yet / not recover / I / .

5 houses / May / we / ten / build / since / .

6 anything / you / today / eat / ?

7 never / a plane / I / fly / in / .

8 I / learn / 18 / when / to drive / I / be / .

ARTICLES**A) Fill in with A or AN.**

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| 1 ____ house | 7 ____ biscuit |
| 2 ____ eggplant | 8 ____ invisible man |
| 3 ____ hour | 9 ____ clever dog |
| 4 ____ universe | 10 ____ amazing film |
| 5 ____ spoon | 11 ____ lovely girl |
| 6 ____ unicorn | 12 ____ honest boy |

B) Fill in with A/AN or – .

- 1 I'd like to be ____ teacher when I grow up.
- 2 My parents are ____ engineers.
- 3 My brother trains ____ football, but I train ____ water polo.
- 4 Susan's favourite subject is ____ History.
- 5 This is ____ interesting article. You should read it.
- 6 We need ____ eggs, ____ flour, ____ milk and ____ sugar.
- 7 Mary's ____ architect.
- 8 What's for ____ dinner today?
- 9 Can you buy ____ bananas and ____ oranges? We haven't got any.
- 10 I've bought ____ beautiful dress.

C) Fill in with A/AN or THE.

- 1 There is ____ cat and ____ dog in this picture. Can you see them? ____ cat is all white, and ____ dog is completely black.
- 2 I found ____ bag last week. There was ____ book and ____ notebook in it. ____ book was about cooking. ____ notebook was completely empty.
- 3 I was just passing ____ lovely little house when I heard ____ noise. ____ noise was really loud. It was coming from ____ house.
- 4 There is ____ onion and ____ carrot in the fridge. I'll use ____ onion, but I won't need ____ carrot.
- 5 Look at ____ Moon. It's so big tonight. And ____ stars are just awesome!

D) Fill in with A/AN, THE or –.

- 1 My favourite subjects are _____ English and _____ Maths.
- 2 Would you like to become _____ electrician?
- 3 My brother is crazy about _____ basketball.
- 4 Have you seen _____ message I left you?
- 5 I don't like _____ cheese, but I could eat _____ apples every day.
- 6 What did you have for _____ lunch?
- 7 _____ photography is so popular these days.
- 8 Give me _____ book that is on your desk, please.
- 9 I think that _____ chess is really boring.
- 10 Who is _____ President of the USA?

