

**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 **have climbed** many mountains so far. I **have climbed** Ben Nevis in Scotland, Mount Olympus in Greece and even Mount Elbrus in Russia. But there's one mountain I **haven't climbed** yet – Mount Everest. Do you know that Jordan Romero **was** only 13 years old when he **climbed** Mount Everest? He also **climbed** the "Seven Summits" in 2011.

*(Seven Summits are: Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa; Mount Elbrus in Russia, Europe; Denali (also called Mount McKinley) in Alaska, North America; Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, South America; Mount Everest on the border between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, Asia; Vinson Massif in Antarctica; Mount Kosciuszko in Australia.)*

2.

THOMAS: **Have** you ever **invented** anything?

CHRISTIAN: No, never.

THOMAS: **Have** you ever **published** a book?

CHRISTIAN: No, I **haven't**. Why are you asking me all these questions?

THOMAS: Well, Louis Braille **invented** the Braille System when he **was** 15. He **was** blind himself. He **published** his first book when he was 19. That's simply amazing, isn't it?

CHRISTIAN: Yes, it is. But, I **have learnt** to read Braille!

THOMAS: Really? Why? When?

CHRISTIAN: A really cute blind girl **came** to our class last year. She **needed** help and I **wanted** to help her. So I **had to** learn Braille.

3.

CLAIRE: **Have you heard** of Laura Dekker?

JILL: It sounds familiar... Is she the girl who **sailed** around the world when she was 14?

CLAIRE: Yes, that's her. It **took** her two years to finish the trip. She **did** it in 2010 and nobody **has managed** to beat her record since then.

JILL: Wow! That's awesome!

4. I **have always admired** people who won the Nobel Prize. There **have been** so many of them. However, one girl stands out – Malala Yousafzai. She **won** the Nobel Peace Prize when she **was** only 17 years old. When she was 11 she **fought** for girls' right to education because the Pakistani Taliban **didn't let** girls go to school. They even **attacked** her and **tried** to kill her two years later, in 2012, but they **didn't succeed**. She **hasn't stopped** fighting for education rights since then.

5. People today use their mobile phones for everything. When they first **appeared**, you **could** only call and text your friends. But since then they **have transformed** into little computers. The greatest thing, for me, are apps. I use them all the time. I think I **have downloaded** hundreds of apps so far. But I **have never created** an app. I'd like to do that one day.

6. Last week our teacher **talked** about something very interesting – helping a charity. She **showed** us a film about people volunteering to feed hungry children all over the world. She also **mentioned** her friend whose children give to charities a certain amount of their pocket money. We **were** really impressed. So, I **have decided** to do the same. I **have already chosen** a charity I want to help and I **have set aside** the amount of money I'll give them. But I **haven't given** them the money yet. And I still **haven't found** other ways to help.

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

1. Susan **has made** us dinner, let's eat!

2. She **made** dinner half an hour ago.

3. I **have known** my English teacher for seven years. I **met** her seven years ago.

4. James **has known** her since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

5. We **travelled** to China last year. It **was** an amazing trip and we **had** a great time.

6. Russell **has already spoken** to his teacher about the essay.

7. I **wore** this jacket last year and the year before last. So, I **have had** the same jacket for three years now.

8. I **have left** my keys somewhere and now I can't get into the car.

9. I **slept** really well last night.

10. We **have moved** house five times so far.

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

1. Lots of snow fell last night.
2. My best friend has started learning how to paint.
3. I broke my leg in a skiing accident two months ago.
4. I haven't recovered yet.
5. We've built ten houses since May.
6. Have you eaten anything today?
7. I have never flown in a plane.
8. I learnt to drive when I was 18.

### ARTICLES

A) Fill in with A or AN.

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| 1. <u>A</u> house     | 7. <u>A</u> biscuit        |
| 2. <u>AN</u> eggplant | 8. <u>AN</u> invisible man |
| 3. <u>AN</u> hour     | 9. <u>A</u> clever dog     |
| 4. <u>A</u> universe  | 10. <u>AN</u> amazing film |
| 5. <u>A</u> spoon     | 11. <u>A</u> lovely girl   |
| 6. <u>A</u> unicorn   | 12. <u>AN</u> honest boy   |

B) Fill in with A/AN or – .

1. I'd like to be a 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 an interesting article. You should read it.
6. We need - eggs, - flour, - milk and - sugar.
7. Mary's an architect.
8. What's for - dinner today?
9. Can you buy - bananas and - oranges? We haven't got any.
10. I've bought a beautiful dress.

C) Fill in with A/AN or THE.

1. There is a cat and a dog in this picture. Can you see them? The cat is all white, and the dog is completely black.
2. I found a bag last week. There was a book and a notebook in it. The book was about cooking. The notebook was completely empty.
3. I was just passing a lovely little house when I heard a noise. The noise was really loud. It was coming from the house.
4. There is an onion and a carrot in the fridge. I'll use the onion, but I won't need the carrot.
5. Look at the Moon. It's so big tonight. And the 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 an electrician?
3. My brother is crazy about - basketball.
4. Have you seen the 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 the book that is on your desk, please.
9. I think that - chess is really boring.
10. Who is the President of the USA?