

Present perfect vs. past simple

Positive



I **bought** a new guitar yesterday.

I've **had** my old guitar since I was seven.



Negative

He **didn't see** Ben at the party last night.

He **hasn't seen** Ben for a month.

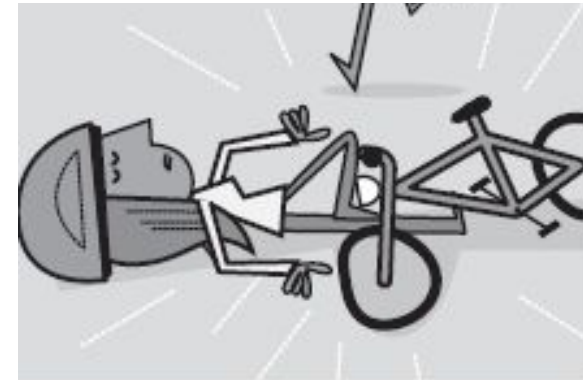


Questions and answers

Have you ever had an accident?

Yes, I have.

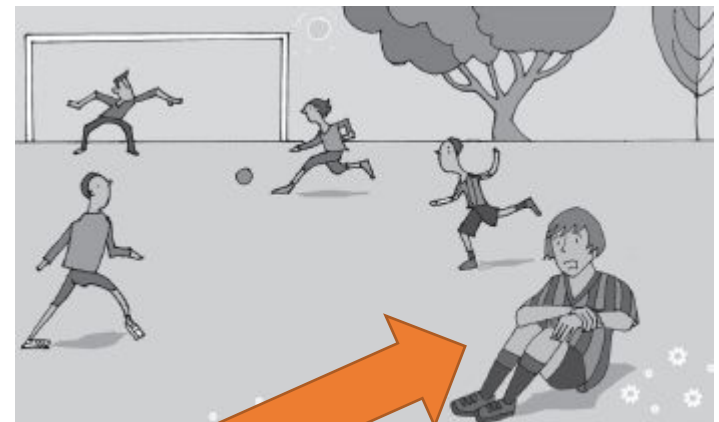
Yes, I fell off my bike yesterday.



Has he ever scored a goal?

No, he hasn't.

No, he has never scored a goal.



Common time references

Past simple

last night

yesterday

before lunch

in 1998

in 2013

ten years ago

Present perfect

so far

for three years

in her life

since last week

GET IT RIGHT!

~~X~~ ~~How many plays has Shakespeare written?~~ (Shakespeare is dead.)

How many plays **did** Shakespeare **write**?

~~X~~ ~~Charles Dickens has written *Bleak House*.~~ (Charles Dickens is dead.)

Charles Dickens **wrote** *Bleak House*.

My mother is a writer. She's **written** four books. **Last year** she **wrote** a book about Charles Dickens and his life.

Language in action

Katy: Have you ever been on a trip without your parents?

Ben: Yes, I've been camping with the scouts and I went on a school trip last year.

Katy: Where did you go camping?

Ben: We went to Wales. The weather wasn't great but we had a brilliant time.

Katy: I've never been to Wales. Have you been to Scotland?

Ben: Yes. We've been camping there too. The people were very friendly and we did a lot of walking.

Can you remember the rules?

- When we talk about a specific point in time in the past, we use the **past simple**.

I **visited** the USA in 2013.

- When we don't refer to a specific point in time, we often use the **present perfect**.

I've **been** to the USA three times.

Speaking

Copy the table. Ask your classmates about their lives.
Use the examples or your own ideas.

ride a camel

play in an
orchestra or
band

Name	What have they done?
<i>Katy</i>	<i>ride a camel</i>

meet a famous
person

go on a boat
trip

sing on stage

go on a trip
without
parents

Speaking

Choose one person from your list. Interview him/her.

Have you ever ridden a camel?

Yes, I have.

When was it?

It was when I went on holiday to Egypt.

Did you enjoy it?

No, I didn't. I was scared!

Have you ridden any other animals?

Yes, I've ridden a horse and a donkey!

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