

Present perfect or past simple? (1)

Test it ✓

1 Find one mistake in each dialogue.

- a Bob: I've been to New Zealand last year.
Jo: I've never been there.
- b Sue: Has your brother ever lived abroad?
Ann: Yes, he's lived in Brussels two years ago.
- c Pat: Have you before seen this film?
Jill: Yes, I saw it last month.
- d Mike: Did you meet Patrick before?
Pete: No, I don't think we've ever met.
- e Sam: I've tasted such good coffee never.
Adam: No, I haven't either. It's lovely.

2 Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- Pam: You look well. Have you been on holiday?
David: Yes, I ^a (go) to Cairo two weeks ago.
Pam: What ^b (be) it like? ^c you
..... (have) a good time?
David: Brilliant. In the first week I ^d (visit) the pyramids,
which were amazing. And, guess what? Later that week, I
^e (ride) a camel! ^f you ever
..... (ride) a camel?
Pam: No, never.
David: I don't recommend it! I ^g never
..... (feel) so uncomfortable in my life.
Pam: ^h you (take) any photos?
David: Yes, of course! ⁱ you ever
..... (hear) of the Step pyramid?
I ^j (take) some great photos there.
Pam: Yes, I saw a programme about it on TV. Maybe I'll go to Egypt one day.
It sounds fascinating.

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Test it again ✓

1 Match the statements.

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| a John never met his father. | 1 It's early afternoon. |
| b John has never met his father. | 2 The speaker is talking about a particular holiday. |
| c My teacher always gave me bad marks. | 3 The speaker has left school. |
| d My teacher has always given me bad marks. | 4 It's night-time. |
| e I've never been to Peru. | 5 The speaker is talking about his/her life up to now. |
| f I didn't go to Peru. | 6 Pat doesn't work for the company now. |
| g Pat worked for the company for thirty years. | 7 John's father is probably dead. |
| h Pat's worked for the company for thirty years. | 8 Pat still works for the company. |
| i I've written three letters today. | 9 The speaker is still at school. |
| j I wrote three letters today. | 10 John's father is alive. |

2 Choose the best option.

- a Did you ever hear/Have you ever heard of a game called *Pokémon*?
b I never went/I've never been to Athens in my life.
c I never met/I've never met my grandmother. She died before I was born.
d He never read/He's never read *War and Peace*, but he'd like to.
e I never saw/I've never seen you before.
f Did you talk/Have you talked to your boss yesterday?
g She's never heard/She never heard this song before.
h Have you seen/Did you see the film on TV last night?
i I never won/I've never won a prize in my life.
j Did you ever dream/Have you ever dreamt you could fly?