

46 Events in your life

Both the present perfect and the past simple can be used to talk about things that happened in the past, but you use them differently.

 **New language** The present perfect

Aa Vocabulary Adventure sports

 **New skill** Talking about past events

46.1 KEY LANGUAGE THE PRESENT PERFECT AND THE PAST SIMPLE

Use the past simple to talk about something that happened at a definite time. Use the present perfect when you don't specify a particular time.

Have you ever been to France?

Yes, I **visited** Paris in 2010.

You give a specific date, 2010, so use the past simple.

2010

NOW

You don't give a specific date, so use the present perfect.

Yes, I **have visited** Paris many times.

2003

2008

2010

2014

NOW

46.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES THE PRESENT PERFECT AND THE PAST SIMPLE

PAST SIMPLE

I **saw** a great movie last week.



Jo **didn't climb** Mount Fuji last year.



Madison **ate** too much last night.



PRESENT PERFECT

I **haven't seen** that movie.



Saki **has climbed** Mount Fuji twice.



Jack **hasn't eaten** curry before.



46.3 VOCABULARY ADVENTURE SPORTS



scuba diving



rock climbing



paragliding



windsurfing



bungee jumping



surfing



46.4 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

Natalia **visited** / ~~has visited~~ China last year.

- 1 I love the movie *Casablanca*. I **watched** / **have watched** it more than nine times.
- 2 Our dog Rex **ate** / **has eaten** all Mary's birthday cake last night.
- 3 Jack **didn't visit** / **hasn't visited** the Colosseum when we were in Rome last year. He was too sick.
- 4 **Did you go** / **Have you been** to the swimming pool downtown yesterday?



46.5 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

Have you ever been surfing?

Yes, I've been surfing many times.



- 1 Has Chloe ever been bungee jumping?

Yes, _____ many times.



- 2 Has Liam ever visited Yosemite National Park?

Yes, _____ in 2014.



- 3 Have you ever seen *Gone with the Wind*?

Yes, _____ last night.



- 4 Have you ever been paragliding?

No, _____.



- 5 Have any of your friends been scuba diving?

Yes, Mia _____ many times.



46.6 KEY LANGUAGE "BEEN / GONE"

You can use "be" and "go" in the present perfect to talk about your trips to places, but they have different meanings.



I haven't seen Joan recently. Where is she?

She's **gone** to Florida.

She is still in Florida.



Hi, Joan. You're looking well.



Yes, I've **been** to Florida.

She went to Florida, but now she is back home.



46.7 FURTHER EXAMPLES "BEEN / GONE"



Where's Ben?



He's **gone** to the mall.



You look relaxed.

Yes, **we've been** in Bermuda. We had a great time.



Where's Ariana?

She's **gone** windsurfing.



What's Julie doing?

She's **been** swimming and now she's doing her homework.



46.8 FILL IN THE GAPS USING "BEEN" OR "GONE"

I love Chicago. I've been there often.

- 1 Manuela and Giorgio have _____ to the movies. They're meeting you there.
- 2 There's lots of food in the fridge because Ayida's _____ to the supermarket.
- 3 I've _____ to the library. Look at all the books I have!
- 4 Mary and Joe have _____ to a nightclub. They'll be back after midnight.





46.9 READ THE POSTCARD AND WRITE THE VERBS UNDER THE CORRECT HEADINGS

PRESENT PERFECT

we've seen

1 _____

2 _____

PAST SIMPLE

we got

3 _____

4 _____

Hi Chris,
We're in Sydney! We got here five days ago and we've seen so much. On Monday, we visited the Sydney Opera House, and on Tuesday we went on a boat under Harbour Bridge. We haven't been to Bondi Beach yet, but I think we're going tomorrow. We've eaten some great food, too! Wish you were here.
Love,
Olivia x



46.10 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Martin has been bungee jumping three times.

True ☐ False ☒

1 Sammy went to China in 2011.

True ☐ False ☐

2 Nigel has never cooked a meal for visitors.

True ☐ False ☐

3 Debra has been rock climbing many times.

True ☐ False ☐

4 Andrew has never used a tablet before.

True ☐ False ☐



46.11 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

I've **gone** windsurfing many times.

I've been windsurfing many times.

1 She hasn't **be** to the circus.

2 I **meet** my best friend when I was six.

3 You **eat** all the chocolate last night.

4 He hasn't **try** paragliding.



46 CHECKLIST



The present perfect ☐

Aa Adventure sports ☐



Talking about past events ☐