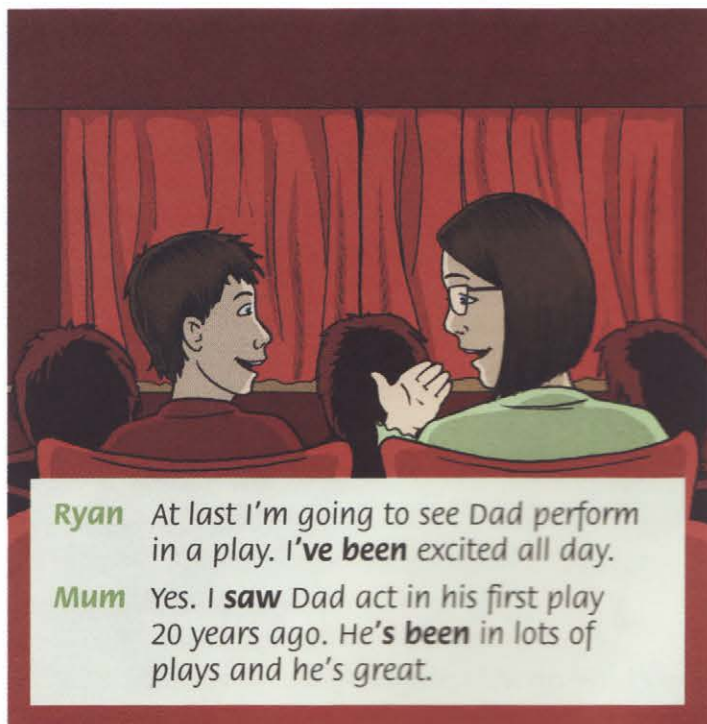


# 2 On the stage

The present perfect or past simple?  
The present perfect (3): *already, yet, just and before*



## The present perfect or past simple?

We use the present perfect to talk about something that happened very recently.  
*The lights **have gone down**.*

We also use the present perfect to talk about an action in the past that is still true now.  
*I've **been** excited all day.*

We also use the present perfect to talk about events from our life that have happened up to the present time. It doesn't matter when they happened.

*He's **been** in lots of plays.*

We use the past simple to talk about actions that started and finished in the past. We often say when they happened.

*I **saw** Dad act in his first play 20 years ago.*

### 1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence.

1 Have you ever seen a play by Shakespeare? ☒   
 Have you ever see a play by Shakespeare? ☐

3 I saw my first play in 2003. ☐   
 I've seen my first play in 2003. ☐

5 The actors learnt the script last week. ☐   
 The actors have learnt the script last week. ☐

2 Have you ever been to the theatre? ☐   
 Did you ever been to the theatre? ☐

4 She never been to a drama class. ☐   
 She's never been to a drama class. ☐

6 Yesterday we watched a film at the cinema. ☐   
 Yesterday we have watched a film at the cinema. ☐

2 Match 1–5 with a–e.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 <u>d</u> Have you ever been to the theatre?     | a Yes, I did. I was a detective.      |
| 2 _____ Did you like it when the lights went out? | b Yes, I have. I felt cold.           |
| 3 _____ Have you caught flu?                      | c No, I didn't. I hate the dark!      |
| 4 _____ Did you act in the last play?             | d Yes, I have. I love watching plays. |
| 5 _____ Have you put your coat on?                | e Yes, I have. I feel ill.            |

3 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 We 've finished / finished our homework. Can we go outside now?
- 2 When **he was** / **he's been** six, **he went** / **he's been** to school in New York.
- 3 Amy **didn't read** / **hasn't read** the third book in the series yet.
- 4 **Have you met** / **Did you meet** the new science teacher?
- 5 I **went** / **'ve been** to London twice in my life.
- 6 Leo and Fred **didn't know** / **haven't known** the answer so they asked their Dad.
- 7 **Were you** / **Have you been** at home last Friday morning?
- 8 Have you spoken to Grandpa today? **Yes, I did.** / **Yes, I have.**

4 Complete the text. Use the present perfect or the past simple.

Brian is really good at volleyball and he's got lots of friends who play it with him. He <sup>1</sup> 's known (know) some of them for five years. When Brian <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) his friends, he <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) how to play. His friends <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) him to go with them to their club and they <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (teach) him how to play. Soon, everyone <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (want) him to be on their team. Now, Brian <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on the team for three years and he <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (play) in lots of matches.

5 Look at exercise 4. Answer the questions. Use short answers.

- 1 Did Brian meet his friends five years ago? Yes, he did.
- 2 Did Brian teach his friends to play volleyball? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Is Brian a good volleyball player? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Has Brian ever played on the team? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Has Brian ever played in any matches? \_\_\_\_\_





**Detective** Where were you at twelve o'clock last night?

**Suspect** You've **already** asked me that question.

**Detective** And you **haven't answered** it yet.



**Suspect** I'm nervous. I **haven't talked** to a detective **before**.

**Detective** Well, you've **just talked** to me, and I'm a detective. So now you **have talked** to a detective.

## The present perfect with **already**, **yet**, **just** and **before**



**Already**, **yet**, **just** and **before** can all mean 'at some time up to now'. We often use them with the present perfect.

We use **yet** to talk about something we expect. It often comes at the end of the sentence. We only use **yet** in questions and negative sentences.

*You haven't answered it **yet**?*

*Have you answered it **yet**?*

**Before** means 'at any time up to the present'. It often comes at the end of the sentence.

*I haven't talked to a detective **before**.*

We use **already** to say that we are surprised that something has happened sooner than we expected.

*You've **already** asked me that question. OR  
You've asked me that question **already**.*

**Just** means 'very close to the time now'. We can use it to talk about something that has happened very recently. The affirmative form is subject + **have/has** + **just** + past participle.

*You've **just** talked to me.*

We form questions with **have/has** + subject + **just** + past participle.

*Have you **just** talked to him?*

## 6 Circle the correct answers.

- The curtain has just / yet gone up.
- He hasn't played chess **before** / **already**.
- They've **painted just** / just painted the set.
- Have you shown the script to him yet / yet the script to him?
- You haven't given the books to them **just** / yet.
- Have you ever acted **before** / just?

**7 Complete the sentences and questions. Use the present perfect.**

1 you / go / to America / before / ?

Have you been to America before?

2 you / already / act / in four plays

3 I / see / the film / before

4 I / already / go / to five different countries

5 you / speak / to an English person / before / ?

6 you / eat breakfast / already / ?

7 I / never / act / before

8 they / already / paint / the stage / ?

**8 Complete the questions and answers. Use **yet** and **just**.**

1 she / meet her new drama teacher

Has she met her new drama teacher yet?

Yes, she's just met her.

2 they / speak to the actors

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

3 she / buy the costumes

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ them.

4 the children / paint the stage

Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_ it.

5 the actors / finish their costumes

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ them.

6 she / washed her hair

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ it.

7 they / open the curtains

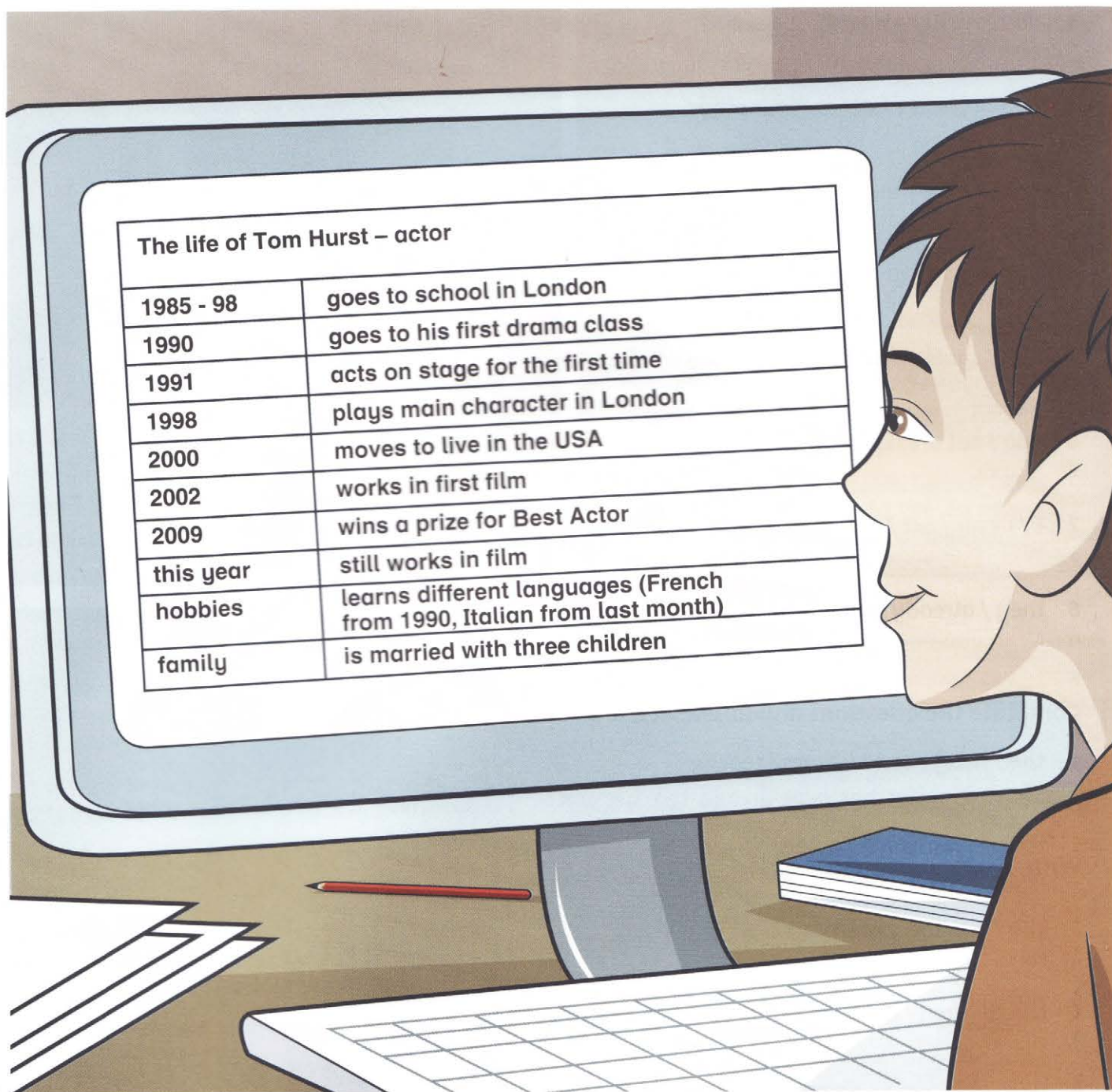
Yes, they \_\_\_\_\_.

8 the play / finish

Yes, it \_\_\_\_\_.



9 Look at the text. Write questions with the present perfect or past simple.



- 1 (Tom / go) Did Tom go to school in London from 1985 to 1998?
- 2 (he / go) \_\_\_\_\_ to his first drama class in 1990?
- 3 In 1998, (Tom / act) \_\_\_\_\_ in Paris?
- 4 (he / live) \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain since 2000?
- 5 (Tom / won) \_\_\_\_\_ a prize for acting yet?
- 6 (he / start) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn French in 1990?
- 7 (he / just start) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn Italian?
- 8 (Tom / have) \_\_\_\_\_ three children already?

**10 Look at exercise 9. Answer the questions.**

- 1 Yes, he did. He went to school in London from 1985 to 1998.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ to his first drama class in 1990.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ in London in 1998.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA since 2000.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a prize for acting in 2009.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ to learn French in 1990.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ to learn Italian last month.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ three children already.

**11 Write negative sentences. Use the present perfect or the past simple.**

- 1 Andy didn't go (not go) to school in Cairo when he was a child.
- 2 Mandy \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) French lessons before.
- 3 Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (never study) Spanish.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ (not live) in London since 1996.
- 5 Max \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to his first painting class in 1989.
- 6 Mum and Dad \_\_\_\_\_ (not just start) to learn German.
- 7 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not finish) my homework yet.
- 8 You \_\_\_\_\_ (not miss) the bus once last week – well done.
- 9 Jamie and Jack \_\_\_\_\_ (not try) to skateboard before.
- 10 Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (not take) her mobile phone with her yesterday.

**12 Write short answers.**

- 1 Has Cara acted in a play before? ✓ Yes, she has.
- 2 Has Ted just had a PE lesson? ✗ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Have you met a famous person before? ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Have you already done any homework today? ✗ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Have they had lunch yet? ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Has Eric played football already today? ✗ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Have you had an English test today? ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Have I asked you to bring your trainers? ✗ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Have they written a letter to the Queen? ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Has Carrie made some bread? ✓ \_\_\_\_\_