

We will work on present perfect on Monday – it is the grammar in Unit 3 textbook. Please, look at the following exercise and clarify for yourself the rules for the use of the present perfect, so that on Monday we can work on it.

Key grammar

Present perfect and past simple

1 Match the underlined verbs in these sentences from Abi's talk (1–3) with the tenses (a–c).

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| 1 I've <u>always enjoyed</u> travelling. | a past simple |
| 2 It <u>was</u> a summer break. | b present perfect simple |
| 3 She's <u>been living</u> there for 20 years now. | c present perfect continuous |

2 Which sentence from Exercise 1 describes:

- a something in the past that is now ended?
- b a situation that started in the past and is still going on?
- c a feeling from the past that is still present?


3 Underline the verb forms in these sentences from Abi's talk and say what tense they are.

- 4 Before we went, we hired a car, which we picked up when we reached the airport.
- 5 I didn't know the word for tyre.
- 6 Twenty minutes later, a recovery van arrived.
- 7 So, what have I learned from this experience?

4 Match the sentences (1–7) in Exercises 1 and 3 with the uses of the past simple, present perfect and present perfect continuous tenses (a–d).

- a a past action or state that is clearly now over (often with a time expression) 2, ...
- b a situation or state that started in the past and continues into the present (often with a time reference)
- c a series of events that took place in the past
- d an action or activity that started in the past and is still continuing

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5  IELTS candidates often make mistakes using tenses. Circle the correct verb form in these sentences.

- 1 In the last few decades, there was / has been a rapid development in computer technology.
- 2 The most popular country that UK residents have visited / visited in 1999 was France.
- 3 I was / have been responsible for taking care of myself since I was eight years old.
- 4 Obesity became / has become a global problem.
- 5 Sometimes people who have been on a diet eat even more afterwards than they have eaten / ate before.
- 6 One day, the company has been / was shut down.