



Present perfect simple and past simple 3

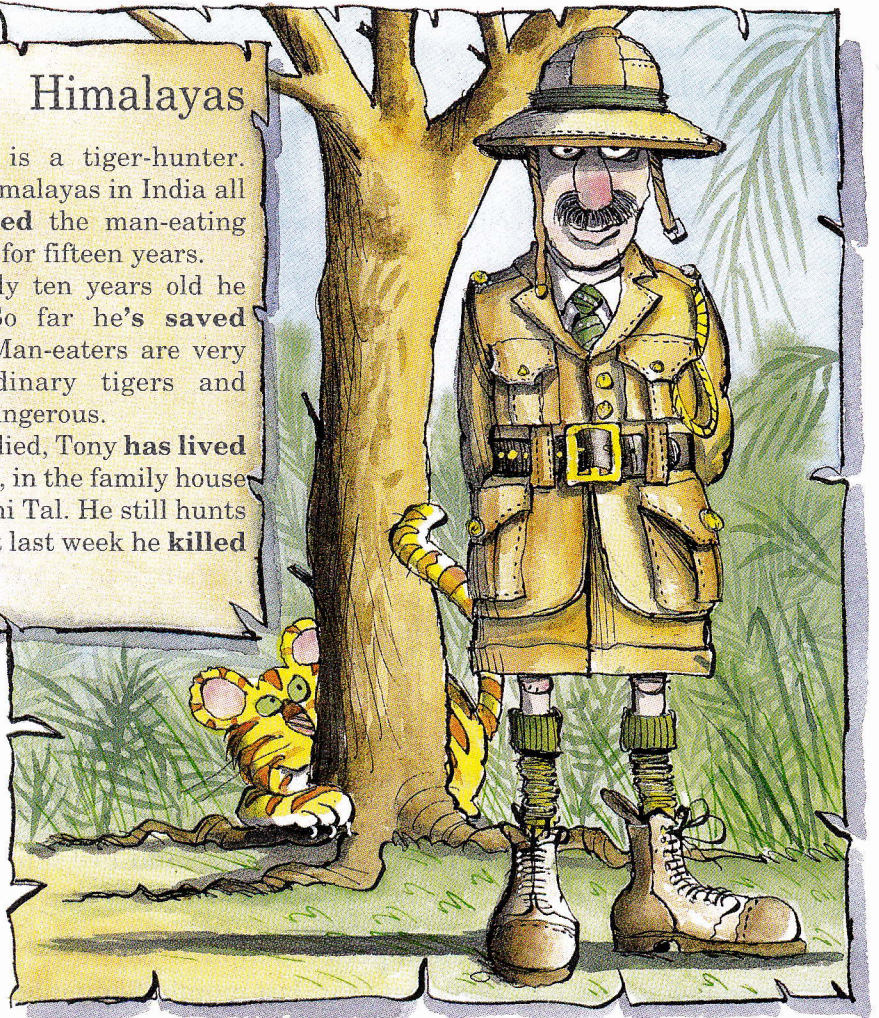


Hero of the Himalayas

TONY NELSON is a tiger-hunter. He's **lived** in the Himalayas in India all his life. He's **hunted** the man-eating tigers of the jungles for fifteen years.

When he was only ten years old he **shot** a leopard. So far he's **saved** hundreds of lives. Man-eaters are very different from ordinary tigers and they're extremely dangerous.

Since his mother died, Tony **has lived** with his sister, Josie, in the family house in the village of Naini Tal. He still hunts the man-eaters. Just last week he **killed** his seventh tiger.



1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

- Tony Nelson has hunted tigers ... all his life. for fifteen years.
- He's lived in the Himalayas ... all his life. for fifteen years.



GRAMMAR

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Use the present perfect simple, NOT the past simple, to talk about things that started in the past and that are still happening *now*.

He's lived in the Himalayas all his life.

= He was born in the Himalayas and he still lives there now.

Use the past simple to talk about things that are finished.

I lived in Rome when I was two years old. (This is a fact about the past. I don't live there now.)

2 Read the sentences. Tick the correct boxes.

- ▶ Tony Nelson has hunted tigers for fifteen years.
Does he hunt tigers now? Yes No
- ▶ We lived in Belgium fifteen years ago.
Do we live in Belgium now? Yes No
- 1 He has had a dog for six years.
Has he got a dog now? Yes No
- 2 I had a cat six years ago.
Have I got a cat now? Yes No

REMEMBER! 1

This is the present perfect simple:

- He's lived here since he was born.*
- You haven't lived here for long, have you?*
- Have you had that dog since you were a child?*

This is the past simple:

- We lived in Italy when I was younger.*
- He didn't live in Rome, did he?*
- Did you have a dog when you were a child?*

See pages 216 and 217.

3 Write two sentences of your own in the present perfect simple and two in the past simple.

- ▶ *I've lived in this town for five years.*
- I liked my last school.*

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REMEMBER! 2

You can use **for** with the present perfect simple to talk about a length of time, e.g. **fifteen years, a week, three days, an hour.**

- I've had a dog for six years.*
- = Six years is the length of time I've had a dog, and I've still got a dog.

You can use **since** with the present perfect simple to say when something started, e.g. **1999, last year, last month, September, Monday, ten o'clock.**

- He's lived there since 1999.*
- = He started to live there in 1999.

4 Fill in the gaps. Use for or since.

- ▶ The tiger has been asleep **for** half an hour.
- 1 Tony Nelson has hunted the man-eaters fifteen years.
- 2 He's hunted the man-eaters he was a boy.
- 3 He's lived in the hills a very long time.
- 4 He hasn't shot a tiger September.





PRACTICE

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- a Read about Tony Nelson and the man-eaters. Underline all the verbs that are in the present perfect simple and the past simple.

Tony Nelson has always been a brave person. He has hunted man-eating tigers and leopards all his life. When he was eight years old, his friend John gave him his first gun. Tony has kept the gun since that day.

Tony has studied the wildlife of the hills since he was a very small child. He taught himself to recognise the noises birds made when they were in danger. His study of jungle life has helped him to survive some very dangerous experiences.

Tony has written a book about the man-eaters. The book is called *The Man-eaters*. Thousands of people have read it. It's a terrifying story!

- b Now write answers to these questions. Write whole sentences. Use the present perfect simple or the past simple.

► What's Tony Nelson always been?

He's always been a brave person.

1 What's he done all his life?

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2 What did his friend John give him?

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3 How old was Tony when he got his first gun?

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4 Has Tony got the gun John gave him now?

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5 What's Tony done since he was a child?

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6 What did he teach himself?

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7 What's Tony written a book about?

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8 Have many people read the book?

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**6 Answer these questions about yourself. Write whole sentences.
Use the present perfect simple or the past simple.**

► How long have you lived in your town?

I've lived here for eight years. OR *I've lived here since 1998.*

- 1 Did you live in your town when you were a baby?
- 2 How long have you been a pupil at your school?
- 3 Were you at school last Saturday?
- 4 How long have you studied English for?
- 5 Did you do any homework last night?
- 6 How long have you known your English teacher?
- 7 Did he or she teach you last year?
- 8 What have you done since yesterday? (Write one thing.)
- 9 What did you do last weekend? (Write one thing.)
- 10 How long have you spent at school today?

**7 Fill in the gaps with the present perfect simple or the past simple.
Be careful!**

► Tony *has hunted* (hunt) tigers all his life.

- 1 When he was only ten years old, Tony (shot) a leopard.
- 2 He (spend) his whole life in the jungle.
He still loves the jungle now.
- 3 He loves dogs. He (have) dogs for years.
- 4 A dog called Jill (be) with Tony when he shot
the first leopard.
- 5 Tony shot a tiger, then he (run) all the way
home to tell his brother, Tom.
- 6 There always (be) man-eating tigers
in these hills, and they've always frightened the local people.
- 7 There's a new man-eater. It's called the Kasha tiger.
Tony (know) about it for a month.
- 8 Last week he (decide) to look for the tiger.
- 9 The Kasha tiger (eat) three people since Monday!
- 10 Tony (leave) his house on Saturday morning.
All he took was his gun.