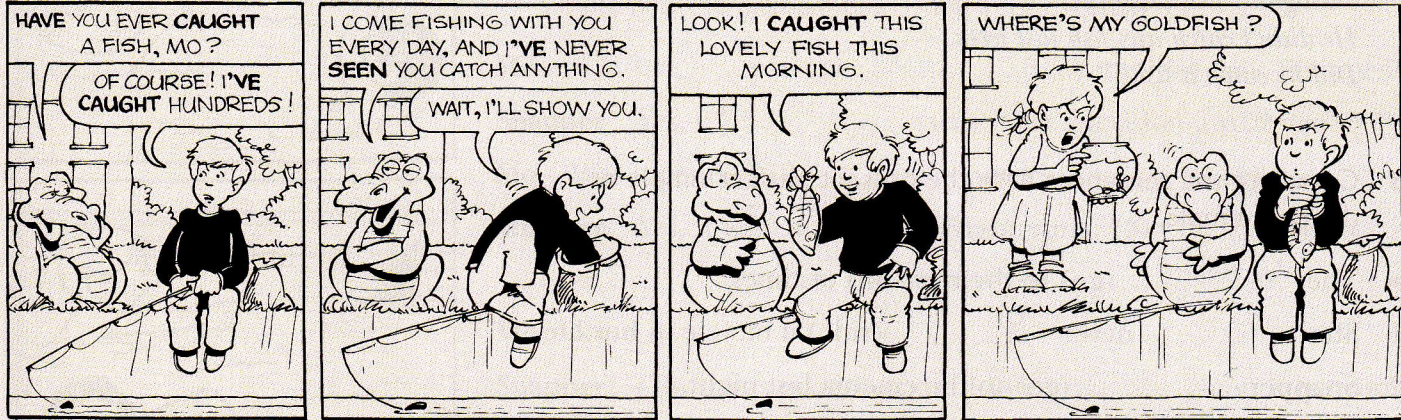
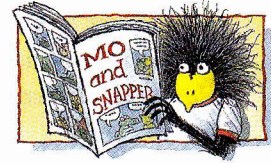


# 9

# Present perfect simple and past simple 1



## 1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

- Mo says he's caught hundreds of fish. Do you know when he caught them?  
Yes  No
- Whose fish did Mo catch this morning?  
Snapper's  Milly's



## GRAMMAR

### A

Use the present perfect simple, NOT the past simple, when you want to talk about things that have happened in your life *up to now*. It isn't important exactly when the things happened. Look:

*Mo has caught hundreds of fish.*

(In his life Mo has caught hundreds of fish. It isn't important when he caught the fish.)

Use the past simple, not the present perfect simple, to talk about things that are finished.

*Mo caught a fish this morning.*

(This is a fact about the past. It's finished but you know when it happened.)

## 2 Read the sentences and answer the questions.

- 1 Mo has been to France on holiday many times.  
Is it important *when* Mo went to France?  
Yes  No
- 2 Mo went away on holiday yesterday.  
Is it important *when* Mo went away?  
Yes  No

**REMEMBER!**

This is the present perfect simple:

*I've caught hundreds of fish.*  
*He hasn't caught any fish.*  
*Have you ever caught a fish?*

This is the past simple:

*I caught a fish yesterday.*  
*He didn't catch any fish last week.*  
*Did he catch a fish?*

See pages 216 and 217.

### 3 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect simple or the past simple.

- ▶ They *'ve been* ..... (go) to the river lots of times.
- 1 She ..... never ..... (ride) a bicycle in her life.
  - 2 Snapper ..... (go) to the cinema last night.
  - 3 ..... Mo ever ..... (catch) a fish?
  - 4 They ..... (read) a lot of comics last weekend.

**REMEMBER!**

There's one verb that behaves badly! It's got two past participles. Be careful when you use it in the present perfect simple.

Base verb	Past simple	Past participle
go	went	gone OR been

Look at the difference:

*Mo has gone fishing.* = Mo isn't here now, he's out fishing.  
*Mo has been fishing.* = Mo went out fishing, but he's back now.

### 4 Tick the correct boxes.

- ▶ Mo **has been** to Spain. This means:
- Mo is in Spain now.
- Mo went to Spain and now he's come back.
- 1 Snapper **has gone** to the shop. This means:
 

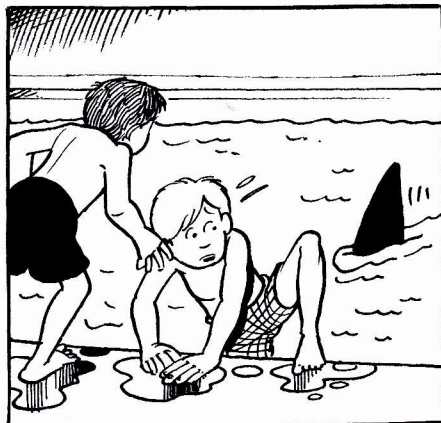
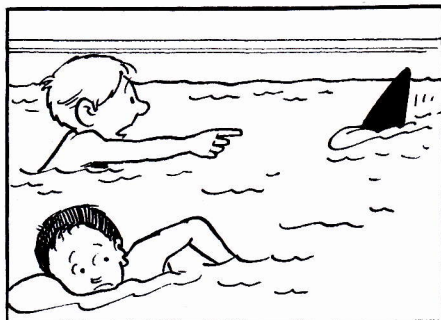
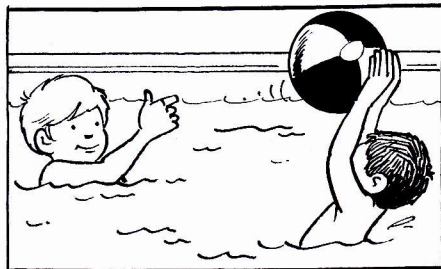
Snapper is at the shop now.

Snapper went to the shop and he's back now.
  - 2 Mo **has been** to see Pad. This means:
 

Mo is with Pad now.

Mo was with Pad but now he's back.

# P PRACTICE



5

**a** Read the conversation. Fill in the gaps. Use the present perfect simple and the past simple. Think very carefully!

**Mo** ▶ *Have*..... you ever *seen*..... (see) the film *Jaws*, Snapper?

**Snapper** Yes, I (1) ..... (see) it on television a year ago.

**Mo** Was it good? I (2) ..... never ..... (see) it.

**Snapper** Yes, it was. It was quite frightening. (3) ..... you ever ..... (read) the book?

**Mo** No.

**Snapper** Oh, that's good because I (4) ..... (buy) it for you yesterday.

**Mo** Great! Where (5) ..... you ..... (find) it?

**Snapper** In the bookshop in the High Street. It was very cheap. The last chapter is missing.

**b** Now answer these questions. Write whole sentences.

▶ Has Mo ever seen *Jaws*?

*No, Mo has never seen Jaws.*

1 Has Snapper ever seen *Jaws*?

.....

2 When did Snapper see it?

.....

3 Did he see it at the cinema?

.....

4 Has Mo ever read the book?

.....

5 What did Snapper buy for Mo yesterday?

.....

6 Where did he buy it?

.....

**6 Answer these questions. Choose the present perfect simple or the past simple.**

▶ Have you ever seen a film you didn't like?

Yes, I have. .... OR No, I haven't. ....

If you have, what was it? *It was a film about space.* .....

1 Have you ever cooked anything? .....

If you have, what did you cook? .....

2 When did you last see a wild animal? .....

What was it and where did you see it? .....

3 Have you ever collected anything? .....

If you have, what did you collect? .....

4 What was the last book you read? .....

When did you finish it? .....

5 Have you ever been to another country? .....

If you have, when and where did you go? .....

**7**

**a Write five questions to ask a friend. Use the present perfect simple. Ask about the things he or she has done up to now.**

▶ *Have you ever used e-mail?* .....

*Have you ever been to a rock concert?* .....

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

**b Now swap books with your partner. Write answers to your friend's questions in the space below. Use the present perfect simple or the past simple. Be careful!**

▶ *Yes, I have. I've used it lots of times.* .....

*No, I've never been to a rock concert.* .....

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....