

12 Trying your best

Grammar: Present Perfect Simple and Continuous

Vocabulary: Hot verbs – go and com

Pronunciation: Vowel sounds and spelling

Present Perfect Simple

1 Present Perfect and Past Simple

Complete the e-mail from Joanna with a verb from the box in the Present Perfect or the Past Simple.

start	come back	decide	play	see (x2)	swim
meet	not see	score	fall	not hear	

Hi Amelia,

How are you? I (1) haven't heard from you for a while, so I thought I'd drop you a line. How are you all?

We (2) have just come back from a trip to the mountains. It was wonderful! We (3) saw some fantastic mountain scenery every day and (4) swam in some beautiful (and cold!) lakes. Even the kids enjoyed all the walking! I thought they would complain. We (5) decided to go again next year.

How are your kids? (6) has Alice started school yet? Does she like it? And what about Jason? (7) Has he scored any more goals for his soccer team lately? I'll never forget the last time we watched him in a game. He (8) played so well! I'm sure he'll be a professional soccer player.

Oh, and guess what? Our Darren (9) has fallen in love with a lovely girl named Rose! He (10) met her at a party last week, and he thinks she's the most beautiful girl he (11) has ever seen. I don't know how long the romance will last—we'll see!

Write soon! Even better, come and visit us, because we (12) haven't seen each other for such a long time!

Love,
Joanna

2 Present Perfect with yet and already

Faith and Bob are planning a big birthday party. Look at their list of things to do and complete the sentences. Use the Present Perfect with *yet* or *already*.

Things to do for the party!

Faith

reserve the room (✓)
write the invitations (✓)
order the birthday cake (X)
buy the food (X)

Bob

wrap the gifts (✓)
choose the music (X)
order the soda (✓)
buy the paper plates and cups (X)

Both

send the invitations (✓) decorate the room (X)



- Faith / the room
Faith has already reserved the room.
- And she / the invitations
And she has already written the invitations.
- But she / the birthday cake
But she hasn't ordered the birthday cake yet.
- Bob / the gifts
Bob has already wrapped the gifts.
- But he / the music
But he hasn't chosen the music yet.
- They / the invitations
They have already sent the invitations.
- But they / the room
But they haven't decorated the room yet.