

# Present Perfect vs. Past simple

■ Decide which choice correctly completes each sentence.

**Q1.** We ..... to the cinema yesterday after work.

- a) have gone                      b) went

**Q2.** This morning I ..... the bus.

- a) have missed                      b) missed

**Q3.** Jack ..... this before.

- a) has done                      b) did

**Q4.** Last year the secretary ..... everybody a lot.

- a) has helped                      b) helped

**Q5.** I ..... to Paris a few times.

- a) have been                      b) went

■ Choose which use of the Present Perfect is being demonstrated.

**Q6.** John has worked at this company for twelve weeks.

- a) Experiences      b) Duration of an action up to now      c) Result now of a past action

**Q7.** Susie has never read that book.

- a) Experiences      b) Duration of an action up to now      c) Result now of a past action

**Q8.** Have they done their homework?

- a) Experiences      b) Duration of an action up to now      c) Result now of a past action

**Q9.** Oh, to have breathed the air of Paris!

- a) Experiences      b) Duration of an action up to now      c) Result now of a past action

**Q10.** He's been in the bathroom for too long; I'm worried!

- a) Experiences      b) Duration of an action up to now      c) Result now of a past action

## ANSWERS

- Q1.** We **went** to the cinema yesterday after work.
- Q2.** This morning I **missed** the bus.
- Q3.** Jack **has done** this before.
- Q4.** Last year the secretary **helped** everybody a lot.
- Q5.** I **have been** to Paris a few times.
- Q6.** *b) Duration of an action up to now*
- Q7.** *a) Experiences*
- Q8.** *c) Result now of a past action*
- Q9.** *a) Experiences*
- Q10.** *b) Duration of an action up to now*