



HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER? (PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE)

LESSON A2



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1 Read the post.

Hi everyone!

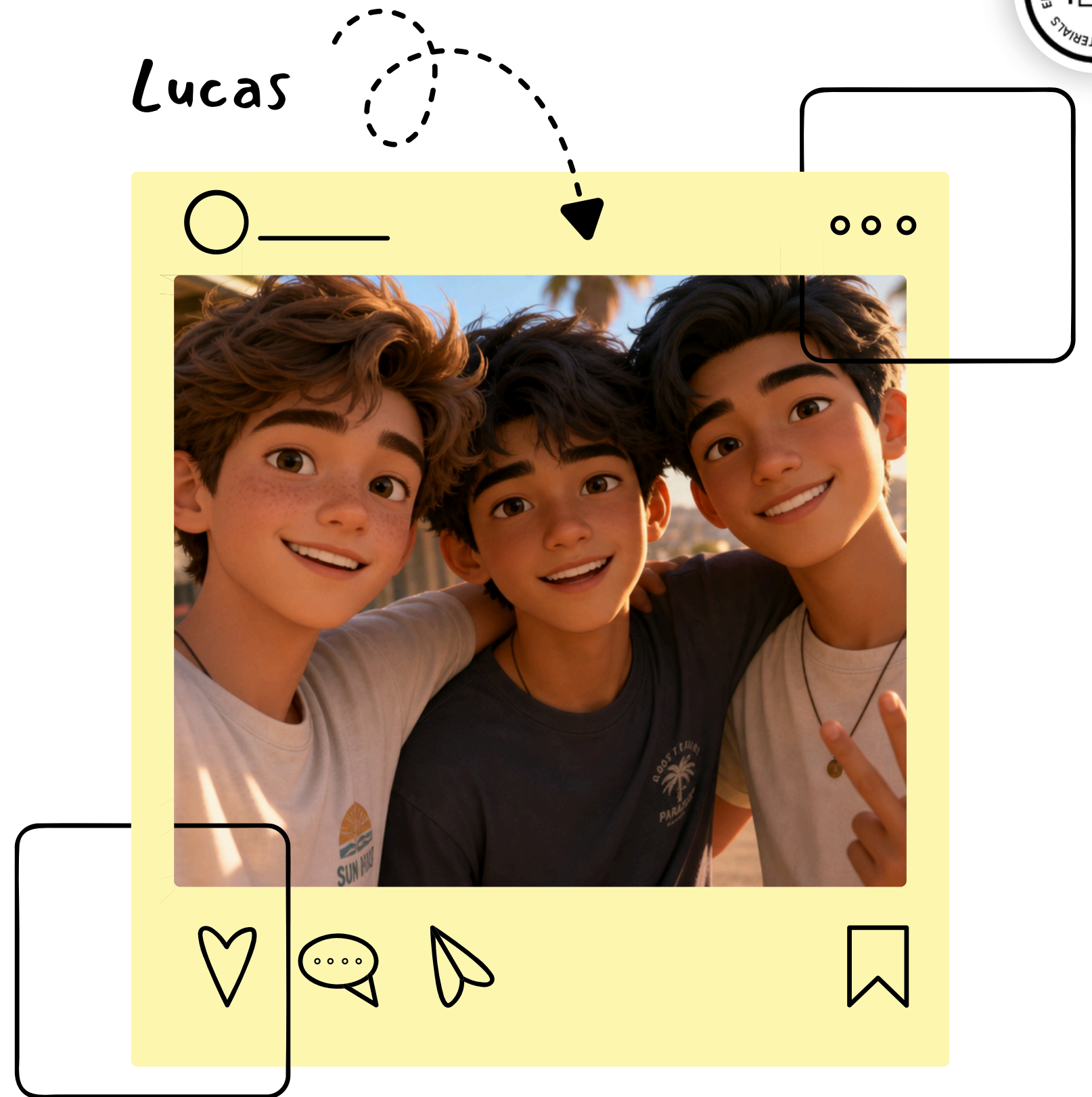
This summer has been amazing! I've visited two new cities, I've tried paddleboarding for the first time, and I've eaten lots of delicious ice cream. In June, I visited Barcelona with my family, and last week, I tried paddleboarding at a lake near my town. Yesterday, I ate my favorite chocolate ice cream.

I've also made new friends and taken hundreds of photos. Last month, I met two students from Spain, and we spent a fun afternoon together.

My favorite trip was to the mountains. I went there with my cousins in July. We stayed in a small cabin for three days. We walked in the forest, swam in a lake, and watched a beautiful sunset. One evening, we got lost for about twenty minutes, but everything was fine in the end!

I've also spent a lot of time at home. I've read three books and I've started learning to cook. Yesterday, I made homemade pizza for my family, and they loved it!

There are still a few weeks of summer left, so I hope I'll have more adventures. What have you done this summer? What was your favorite day?





2 Answer the questions about the post.

Where did Lucas go
with their cousins?

What new activity
has Lucas tried
for the first time?

When did Lucas try
paddleboarding?

How many books
has Lucas read?

Who did Lucas
meet last month?

3 Read the rules. Find and write 3 examples from the post.

PAST SIMPLE

Use the **past simple** for:

- Actions that finished in the past.
- Actions that happened at a specific time.

yesterday, last week, in June, two days ago

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____



PRESENT PERFECT

Use the **present perfect** for:

- Experiences or actions that happened at an unspecified time.
- Actions that have a connection to the present.
- Actions that happened during a period that is not finished yet.

ever, never, already, yet, just, this week, this summer, so far

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____



PAST SIMPLE

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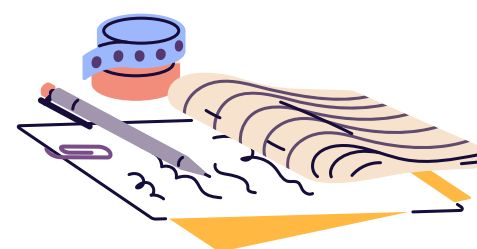
Subject + verb + **ed** / V2

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Subject + **didn't** + verb ...

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Did + subject + verb ... ?



4

Complete the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs.
Read the situations below and say if they're true for you.

- I _____ (**read**) three books this summer.
- I _____ (**go**) to the beach last month.
- I _____ (**visit**) my grandparents two weeks ago.
- I _____ (**travel**) to a new country this year.
- I _____ (**learn**) a new skill or hobby this summer.
- I _____ (**play**) volleyball every weekend in July.
- I _____ (**eat**) ice cream almost every day this summer.

PRESENT PERFECT

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Subject + **have** / **has** + verb + **ed** / V3

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Subject + **have** / **hasn't** + verb + **ed** / V3

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Have / **Has** + subject + verb ... ?



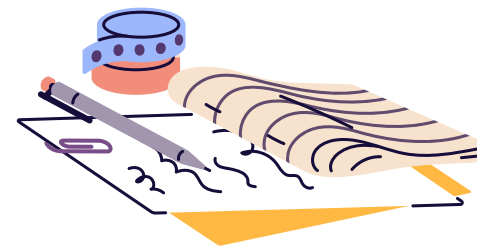


PAST SIMPLE

+ Subject + verb + **ed** / V2

- Subject + **didn't** + verb ...

? **Did** + subject + verb ... ?



4

Complete the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs.
Read the situations below and say if they're true for you.

- I **have read** (read) three books this summer.
- I **went** (go) to the beach last month.
- I **visited** (visit) my grandparents two weeks ago.
- I've / **have traveled** (travel) to a new country this year.
- I've / **have learnt** (learn) a new skill or hobby this summer.
- I **played** (play) volleyball every weekend in July.
- I **ate** (eat) ice cream almost every day this summer.

PRESENT PERFECT

+ Subject + **have** / **has** + verb + **ed** / V3

- Subject + **have** / **hasn't** + verb + **ed** / V3

? **Have** / **Has** + subject + verb ... ?

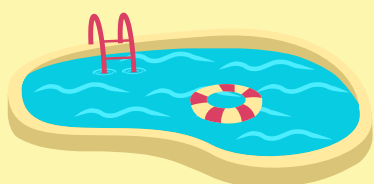




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Which of these activities have you done this summer? Make full positive/negative sentences using the present perfect and add details using the past simple. You can talk about real experiences or make up situations to practice your English.

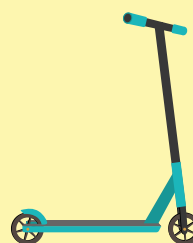
**If you have done this activity, say when and where you did it and add more details.*



Relax by the pool



Make a bonfire



Rent a scooter



Have a picnic



Go shopping



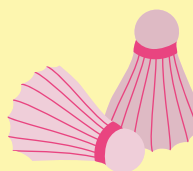
Paint outside



Learn a new skill



Go fishing



Play badminton



Visit an
amusement park



Try new food



Read a book outside



Make new friends



Have a barbecue



Go to a concert



Swim in a lake



Go camping



Visit a museum

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



What interesting places
_____ (you/visit) this
summer?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



What films or series _____
(you/watch) this summer?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



What _____ (you/do) at the
beginning of the summer?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



What _____ (you/eat)
yesterday?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



What books _____
(you/read) this summer?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



Who _____ (you/spend)
time with last month?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



What is something you
_____ (you/learn) this
summer?

6

Complete the questions with the correct verbs and answer them.



_____ (you/have) a good summer? Why or why not?

7

Make as many sentences as you can. You can use each word more than once.



Present Perfect



Past Simple



I	plans	two weeks	made	during	they
for Friday	best	met	two days ago	ridden	the park
Did	He	take	has	last summer	before
have	We	already	friend	a horse?	Where
my	read	he	Has	the trip	ever
four books	didn't	called	many	she	they
make	this year	spent	you	did	to Italy
She	on Friday	hasn't	yesterday	finished	travel
She	me	photos	the project	dinner	been
today	cook	Have	in Spain	Have	last summer

8 Write questions for the interview and answer them using the information in the table. Speak in full sentences.

AUGUST



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How many times _____
(she/play tennis) this month?



Lily



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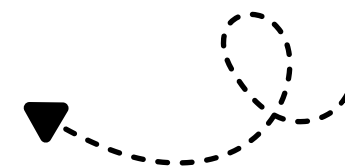
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What _____ (she/do) on
the first of August?



Lily



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When _____ (she/have)
her birthday?



Lily



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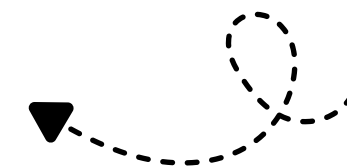
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_____ (she/visit) a
concert this month?



Lily



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_____ (Lily/go) shopping
this month?



Lily





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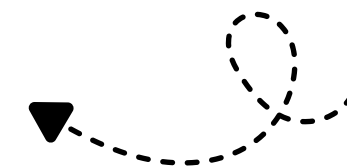
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How many times _____
(she/have) a barbecue this
month?



Lily



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What _____ (she/do) at
the end of August?



Lily



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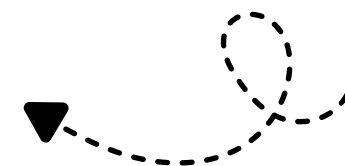
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_____ (Lily/walk) on the
eleventh of August?



Lily



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When _____ (Lily/visit) an amusement park?

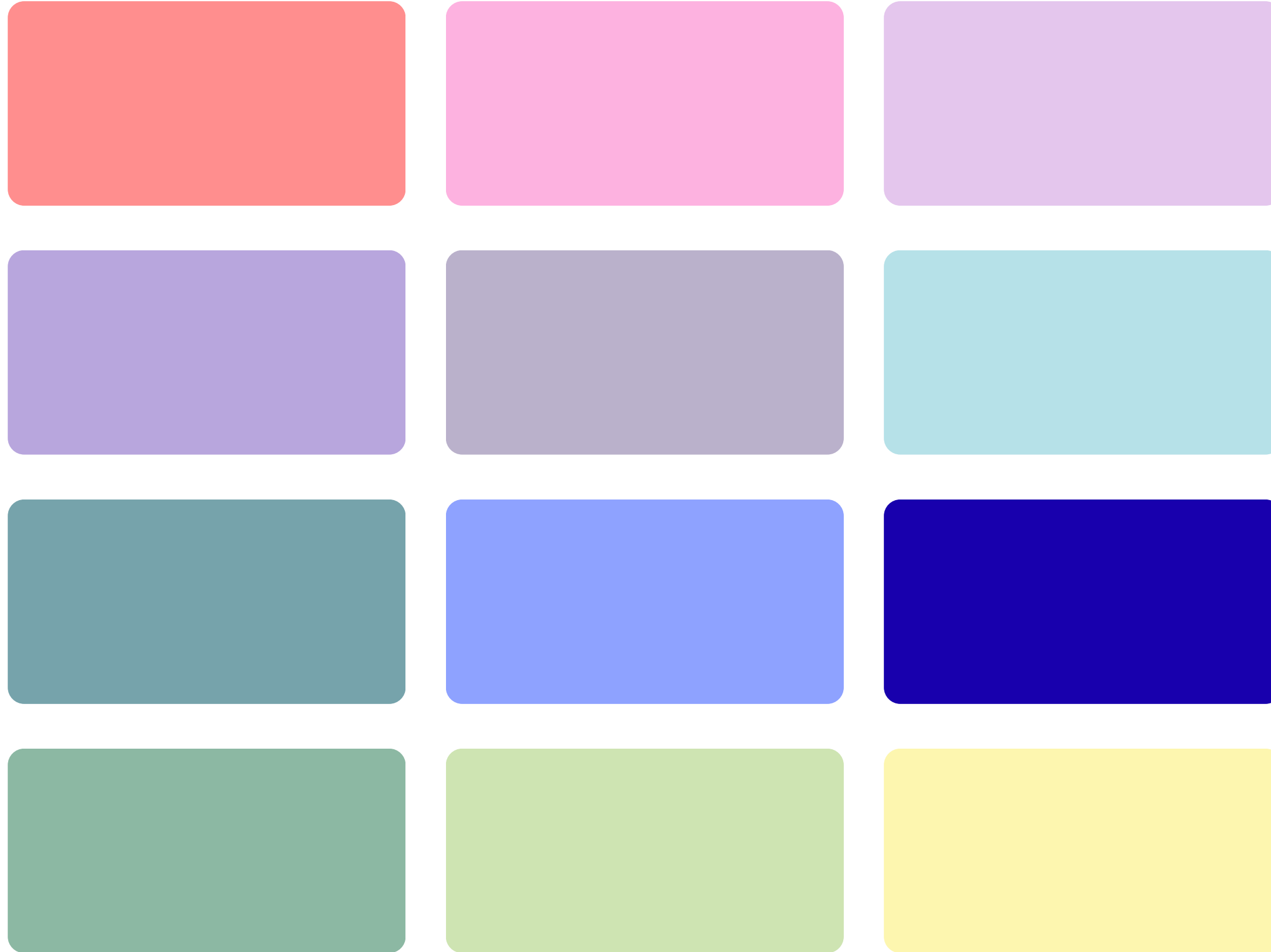


Lily





9 Choose 3 colours that you like the least. Go to the next slide and skip these three colours. Then complete the sentences in the remaining boxes with your own ideas.





9 Complete the sentences in the remaining boxes with your own ideas.

Last weekend, I
didn't...

In July, I visited...

This summer, I
haven't tried...

I haven't
watched... this
summer.

This summer, I
have already...

Yesterday, I
spent...

During my
holidays, I didn't
meet...

A few weeks ago,
I bought...

By the end of
summer, I have...

One thing I
haven't done this
summer is...

A few weeks ago,
I decided to...

Last weekend, I
went...



10 Tell a story using the clues below.



this year



10 Tell a story using the clues below.



last week



10 Tell a story using the clues below.



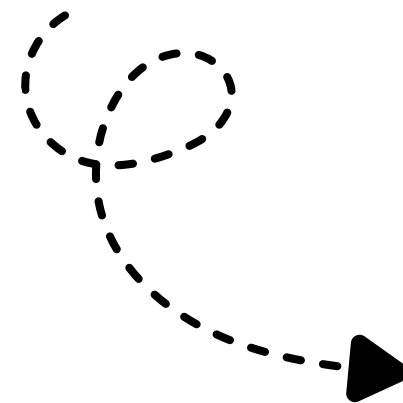
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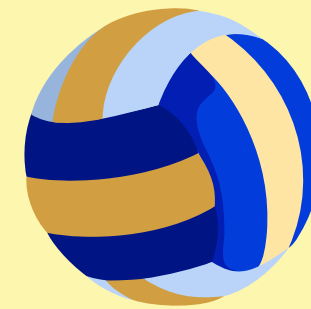
10 Tell a story using the clues below.



yesterday



Alice





extra practice

1) Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets: Past Simple or Present Perfect.

Emma: Hey, Tom! How was your summer?

Tom: Great! I _____ (have) a lot of fun.

Emma: Where _____ you _____ (go)?

Tom: I _____ (go) to Italy in July.

Emma: Nice! _____ you ever _____ (be) there before?

Tom: No, I _____ (not / be) there before.

Emma: What _____ you _____ (do) there?

Tom: We _____ (visit) Rome and _____ (try) lots of new food.

Emma: Sounds great! What else _____ you _____ (do) this summer?

Tom: I _____ (meet) some new friends and I _____ (try) surfing.



2) Put the time expressions into two groups.

Past Simple

Present Perfect

yesterday

2 days ago

this summer

last week

yet

already



extra practice

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Emma: Hey, Tom! How was your summer?

Tom: Great! I **had (have)** a lot of fun.

Emma: Where **did you go (go)**?

Tom: I **went (go)** to Italy in July.

Emma: Nice! **Have you ever been (be)** there before?

Tom: No, I **haven't been (not / be)** there before.

Emma: What **did you do (do)** there?

Tom: We **visited (visit)** Rome and **tried (try)** lots of new food.

Emma: Sounds great! What else **have you done (do)** this summer?

Tom: I **have met (meet)** some new friends and I **have tried (try)** surfing.



2) Put the time expressions into two groups.

Past Simple

yesterday

2 days ago

last week

Present Perfect

this summer

already

yet

yesterday

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yet

already

extra practice



3) Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Present Perfect.

1. I _____ (**visit**) my grandparents last weekend.
2. I _____ (**not / do**) anything interesting last month.
3. _____ you ever _____ (**try**) surfing?
4. She _____ (**make**) some new friends this summer.
5. We _____ (**not / watch**) any films yesterday.
6. _____ he _____ (**travel**) abroad this summer?
7. They _____ (**spend**) two weeks at the seaside in July.
8. I _____ (**not / finish**) my summer reading yet.
9. _____ you _____ (**see**) any good films recently?
10. She _____ (**buy**) a new swimsuit two weeks ago.
11. We _____ (**already / visit**) three different cities this summer.
12. _____ they _____ (**go**) camping last weekend?
13. He _____ (**not / try**) any new sports this summer.
14. I _____ (**meet**) my best friend at the beach last Saturday.



extra practice



3) Complete the gaps with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Present Perfect.

1. I **visited** (visit) my grandparents last weekend.
2. I **didn't do** (not / do) anything interesting last month.
3. **Have** you ever **tried** (try) surfing?
4. She **has made** (make) some new friends this summer.
5. We **didn't watch** (not / watch) any films yesterday.
6. **Has** he **traveled** (travel) abroad this summer?
7. They **spent** (spend) two weeks at the seaside in July.
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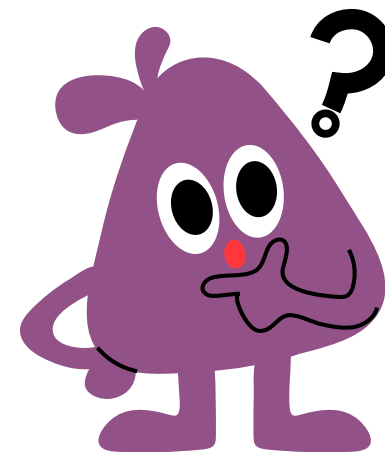
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1. _____
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10. _____

4) Write questions for the answers.

1. I went to Spain in July.
2. Yes, I have tried surfing this summer.
3. I visited my grandparents last weekend.
4. No, I haven't finished my summer project yet.
5. I have watched five films this summer.
6. We went camping two weeks ago.
7. Yes, she has already visited an amusement park.
8. I didn't travel anywhere last month.
9. He has never eaten sushi.
10. They met some new friends at the beach.

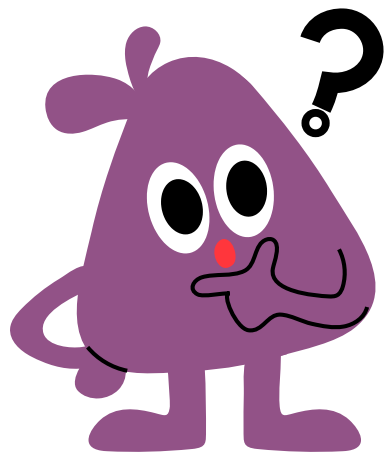


Possible answers

extra practice



1. Where did you go in July?
2. Have you tried surfing this summer?
3. When did you visit your grandparents?
4. Have you finished your summer project yet?
5. How many films have you watched this summer?
6. When did you go camping?
7. Has she already visited an amusement park?
8. Did you travel anywhere last month?
9. What food has he never eaten?
10. Where did they meet some new friends?



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extra practice

5) Make sentences using the past simple or present perfect. Example: 🏖️ go + → I went to the beach last weekend.

• 🏊 swim +

• 🎬 watch –

• 🚲 ride ?

• 🍕 eat +

• 📖 read –

• 🎮 play ?

• ✈️ travel +

• 🏕️ go camping –

• 🎸 play ?

• 🍰 make –

• 📷 take ?

• ⚽ play +

• 🛍️ buy –

• 🎵 listen to ?

• 🏄 try +

• 🏠 stay –

• 👫 meet ?

• 🚶 walk +

