

# How well do you know your partner?

## Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: guessing, sentence completion, asking and answering questions from prompts (pair work)

## Focus

Past simple and present perfect

## Aim

To practice choosing and forming the past simple and present perfect to talk about a partner and check information.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this past simple vs. present perfect game, students see how well they know their partner by completing sentences about them in the past simple and present perfect and then verifying the information by asking and answering questions.

## Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Tell the students that they are going to see how well they know their partner by completing sentences about them in the past simple or present perfect.

Working alone, students then complete sentences about their partner in the past simple or present perfect using the correct form of the verbs in brackets and their own ideas, without speaking to their partner.

Examples:

1. James started learning English in 1990.
2. James has had his mobile phone for six months.

Next, elicit the past simple and present perfect questions the students need to ask to find out if their sentences are correct.

Examples:

1. When did you start learning English?
2. How long have you had your mobile phone?

Students then take turns asking and answering the questions in the past simple or present perfect to find out how many of their sentences are right.

Students score themselves one point for each factually correct sentence. If the sentence is correct but the tense is wrong, they score no points.

The student with the highest score wins the game.

Afterwards, get feedback from the students to see how well they know their partner and find out who got the highest score.

## How well do you know your partner?

**A. Complete the sentences about your partner in the past simple or present perfect using the correct form of the verbs in brackets and your own ideas. Do not speak to your partner yet.**

1. .... (start) learning English in .....
2. .... (have) his/her mobile phone for .....
3. .... (eat) ..... for dinner last night.
4. .... (know) his/her best friend for .....
5. .... (meet) ..... last .....
6. .... (be) awake since .....
7. .... (go) to ..... last weekend.
8. .... (live) ..... since .....
9. .... (clean) his/her bedroom last .....
10. .... (not buy) any new clothes since .....
11. .... (travel) abroad in the last .....
12. .... (live) in this city/town for .....
13. .... (get) his/her hair cut last .....
14. .... (not be) on holiday for .....
15. .... (do) some exercise last .....

**B. Now, take turns asking and answering questions in the past simple or present perfect to find out how many of your sentences are correct.**

Examples:

