

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## **Present perfect or past simple?**

### **Exercise 1**

**Put in the correct verb form.**

e.g. I've done (I / do) all the housework. The flat is really clean now.

e.g. A young couple bought (buy) the house next door. But they didn't live there long.

1. Our visitors..... (arrive). They're sitting in the garden.
2. There's still a problem with the television. Someone ..... (repair) it, but then it broke down again.
3. .... (I / lose) my bank card. I can't find it anywhere.
4. The match..... .. (start). United are playing well.
5. My sister..... (run) away from home. But she came back two days later.
6. Daniel..... (earn) some money last week. But I'm afraid he's already spent it all.
7. ....(we / plant) an apple tree in the garden. Unfortunately it died.
8. Prices..... (go) up. Everything is more expensive this year.
9. Someone..... (turn) on the hi-fi. What's that song called?
10. .... (I / phone) the office at eleven to speak to the manager, but he isn't there today.
11. .... (I / make) a cake. Would you like a piece?
12. The runner Amos Temila..... (break) the world record for the 1500 metres in Frankfurt. Then two days later in Helsinki, Lee Williams ran it in an even faster time.

### **Exercise 2**

**Complete this letter to a newspaper. Put in the present perfect or past simple.**

A few days ago I (►) learned (learn) that someone plans to knock down the White Horse Inn. This pub (►) has been (be) the centre of village life for centuries. It (1)..... (stand) at our crossroads for 500 years. It (2)..... (be) famous in the old days, and Shakespeare once (3)..... (stay) there, they say. I (4)..... (live) in Brickfield all my life. The villagers (5).....(know) about the plans for less than a week and already there's a 'Save Our Pub' campaign. Last week we (6)..... (be) happy, but this week we're angry. We will stop them, you'll see.