

Focus on Grammar: Present Perfect
Grade 11 English

Which of the following sports activities have you done? Write a complete sentence for each activity using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

I have (I've).... or I have never (I've never)....

1. (attend) an international sports competition.

2. (join) a sports club.

3. (play) baseball

4. (see) a Formula 1 race.

5. (meet) a famous sports person.

6. (do) yoga

7. (work) out in a gym.

8. (take) part in a running race.

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. The popularity of yoga _____ (increase) during the 1990s.
2. _____ (ever see) a marathon from start to finish.
3. The university team _____ (never reached) the semi-finals.
4. African athletes _____ (dominate) long distance running since the 1970s.
5. I _____ (win) several minor events but never a major one.
6. I _____ manage to get to the gym last night.
7. The team's performance _____ (improve) recently.
8. Sorry I'm so late - I _____ (just have) a seminar with my tutor.
9. I _____ (never seen) an international sports competition
10. Participation in team _____ (decline) significantly in the last part of the 20th century.

Correct the ten errors (underlined in the text below) They may be verb form or time word errors.

Most people (0) heard *have heard of* triathlons but (1) did you ever watch a biathlon? The biathlon (2) has begun in the 1700s in Scandinavia as a military exercise but it has only been an official sport (3) since around 50 years. There are several visions of the biathlon but the basic idea (4) has been that the athletes must complete a cross-country skiing race with target shooting in the middle. Some of the races are 10 km while others are as long as 30Km!

The 20 Km race (5) is an Olympic Event for (6) for 1960. However, at the time the sport (7) is only for men. Women (8) haven't been able to compete until 1992.

Recently, television programmes (9) introduce many people to the sport for the first time. In fact, it (10) has now been one of the most popular winter sporting events on television in Europe.