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 if 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__________________ (wi) several minor events but never a major one.
6. I________________ manage to get to the gym last night.
7. The teams’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.