

How many times Present Perfect and Past Simple trivia quiz

Student A

Work in groups with one Student A worksheet and one Student B worksheet, not looking at the other worksheet and:

- Read out one of the questions on your sheet and three possible answers, including the correct answer that is there, and see if your partner can guess the correct answer.

OR

- Read out the question on your sheet and give hints like “Much more”, “Quite a lot less” and “Slightly more” until your partner gets exactly the right number.
- How many times has an unmarried man become American president? Once.
- How many times did Yuri Gagarin circle the earth on the first flight in space? Once.
- How many times has the Mexican criminal El Chapo escaped from high-security prison? Twice.
- How many times has the USA dropped atomic bombs on people? Twice.
- How many times has a team played at their home stadium in the American football Superbowl final? Twice.
- How many times did the actor Marilyn Monroe get married? Three times.
- How many times was Franklin D Roosevelt President of the USA? Three times
- How many times has a captive orca killed a human? Four times.
- How many times has the movie called A Star is Born been made? Four times.
- How many times has the golfer Tiger Woods won the Masters tournament? Five times.
- How many times did the Scottish actor Sean Connery play James Bond? Seven times.
- How many times did France have a king called Charles? Nine times.
- How many times did Michael Jordan reach the NBA playoffs? Twelve times.
- How many times has an American president been re-elected? Twenty one times.

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Which tenses are these two questions in, and why are they different?

- How many times has England had a queen named Elizabeth?
- How many times did France have a king called Charles?

Which situation could still change?

Which tense is used to talk about both the past and the present, and which tense is used for things that are purely in the past?

Without looking at the worksheets, put these questions in the correct tenses:

- How many times _____ (England win) the football World Cup?
- How many times _____ (the actor Marilyn Monroe get) married?

Research or make up similar questions to test another group with, making sure that you have a mix of both tenses (by writing about both living people and dead people, etc).

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- How many times has England won the football World Cup? Once.
- How many times has England had a queen named Elizabeth? Twice.
- How many times has the West Indies won the cricket World Cup? Twice.
- How many times did English king Henry VIII get divorced? Twice.
- How many times did the character Ross get divorced in the 1990s American sitcom Friends? Three times.
- How many times did the Brazilian footballer Pele win the World Cup? Three times.
- How many times has someone been to the moon twice? Three times.
- How many times has a sitting American president been assassinated? Four times.
- According to absolute-knowledge.com, how many times has the water in your glass of tap water already been drunk? Four times.
- How many times did the park ranger Roy Sullivan survive lightning strikes? 7 times.
- How many times has an American president died in office? Eight times.
- How many times did Christopher Lee play Dracula? Ten times.
- How many times has the American constitution been changed? Twenty seven times.
- How many times did the Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar get over 100 runs in one innings? One hundred times.

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