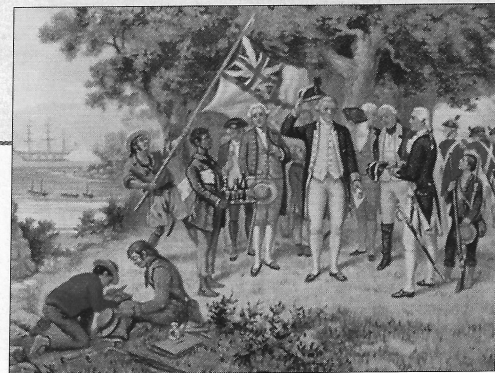


1 REVISION Past tense or present perfect? (§ 19)

1 Australia since the 17th century

Find the verb forms in the text, and say which tenses are used. When is which tense used? Can you explain the rule?



In the 17th century Dutch explorers landed on the north and west coasts of Australia, but they did not settle there. In 1770 Captain Cook claimed the east coast for Britain, and 18 years later the first settlers arrived. What started as a prison colony slowly developed into the city of Sydney, whose population has grown from a few hundred in those early days to nearly 4 million today.

During the 19th century settlements were founded in other parts of Australia. Since then all the big cities have developed in these areas; all of them have been built on or near the coast.

When the whites first moved onto new land outside Sydney, there was trouble with the Aborigines.

The Europeans simply took the land they wanted, although the Aborigines needed it themselves. Now at last the Australian government has recognized the Aborigines' right to their own land. But over half the Aborigine population have already moved to towns and cities.

However there are still many others who have not yet given up their traditional way of life.

2 Do you know?

Ask questions in the past tense or present perfect. Then try to answer the questions. Work with a partner, and take turns with asking and answering. *Examples:*

1. Who – land – Australia – 17th century?

'Who landed in Australia in the 17th century?' 'The Dutch landed there in the 17th century.'

2. How many settlers – come – Australia – since then?

'How many settlers have come to Australia since then?' 'No idea! But millions of people have come since then, of course.'

3. When – Captain Cook – claim Australia for Britain? 4. How long – Aborigines – be – in Australia?

5. The Olympic Games – ever – be – in Sydney? 6. Why – the first settlers – come – Australia?

7. How many people – settle – Australia – in the past 50 years?

8. What – the convicts – do – in Sydney – when – first – arrive? 9. What species of animal – develop – only in Australia? 10. When – bushmen – start – building the dog fence?

3 Experiences you've had

Find out about each other's experiences! Prepare a list of questions you're interested in and interview your partner or others in the class.

Examples:

1. 'Have you ever stayed up all night?'

'Yes, I have. It was when I went to a rock concert near Frankfurt with some friends.'

We drove all the way back after the concert – and didn't go to bed at all that night!'

2. 'I bet you've never eaten kangaroo meat!' 'No, I haven't. I've no idea what it's like!'

3. 'We had a holiday in Scotland last summer. Have you been there yet?' '...'