

Using Present Perfect for Experiences

Instructions for use: Fill out using Acrobat Reader then save to your PC once completed.

Task 1

You are going to read a magazine interview with a famous singer.

Jason Donnelly is the lead singer of the band The Wolf Captains. Jacqui Lo finds out more about him and his life.

Jacqui is going to ask him the following questions:

- A. What are your plans for the coming year?
- B. Have you ever done any acting?
- C. What was the best concert you've ever given?
- D. How long have you been singing?

Can you match the interviewer's questions to Jason's answer? Fill in the letter of Jacqui's question in the box next to each answer number:

1.

Well, I started when I was very young – maybe five or six years old – and I've been singing ever since. My mother used to play the piano and my father was in a band, so we were quite a musical family. My grandparents said that I had a beautiful voice and I guess that really encouraged me.

2.

All of them have been wonderful, but I think the best was probably in Victoria Park in Leicester in 2014. Thousands of people attended, and the weather was glorious. It was so much fun that we hope to go back there soon.

3.

Well, the band and I have just finished a new record. We're all very proud of it. We spent most of last winter in the studio and it was just brilliant to spend so much time with them working on new music. So, we're going to be promoting the new album and maybe performing one or two gigs. Apart from that, my wife has recently given birth, so I plan to spend most of my time with her and the new baby.

4.

Yes, once. In 2009 I appeared in a film with Kenneth Branagh. I only had a small part, but it was lots of fun. I haven't done it since, but I would love to in the future.

Task 2

Are the following sentences true (T), false (F) or doesn't say (DS)? Complete either T, F or DS in the boxes before each statement:

- a. Jason doesn't like being with other people.
- b. Jason likes to spend time alone.
- c. Jason's grandparents thought he was a talented singer.
- d. Jason doesn't have any plans to return to Victoria Park at the moment.
- e. Jason is going to relax for the rest of the year.
- f. Jason has done lots of acting.

Task 3

Read the interview again, but this time choose the best group of words where the word BLANK appears. Try not to look back at the original text.

1. Well, **(BLANK)** when I was very young – maybe five or six years old – and **(BLANK)** ever since. My mother used to play the piano and my father was in a band, so we were quite a musical family. My grandparents said that I had a beautiful voice and I guess that really encouraged me.

Which group of words would you use to fill in the blanks? Put either a) or b) in the box after the options:

Option a) I started singing/I've been singing

Option b) I've started/I was singing

Answer:

2. All of them have been wonderful, but I think the best **(BLANK)** probably in Victoria Park in Leicester in 2014. Thousands of people **(BLANK)**, and the weather **(BLANK)** glorious. It **(BLANK)** so much fun that we hope to go back there soon.

Which group of words would you use to fill in the blanks? Put either a) or b) in the box after the options:

Option a) was/attended/was/was

Option b) has been/have attended/has been/has been

Answer:

3. Yes, once. In 2009 I **(BLANK)** in a film with Kenneth Branagh. **(BLANK)** a small part, but it **(BLANK)** lots of fun. I **(BLANK)** since, but I would love to in the future.

Which group of words would you use to fill in the blanks? Put either a) or b) in the box after the options:

Option a) appeared/I only had/was/haven't done it

Option b) have appeared/I've only had/has been/haven't done it

Answer:

Answers:

Task 1

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. B

Task 2

- a) F
- b) DS
- c) T
- d) T
- e) DS
- f) F

Task 3

1. a

Well, I **started** when I was very young – maybe five or six years old – and **I've been singing** ever since. My mother used to play the piano and my father was in a band, so we were quite a musical family. My grandparents said that I had a beautiful voice and I guess that really encouraged me.

2. a

All of them have been wonderful, but I think the best **was** probably in Victoria Park in Leicester in 2014. Thousands of people **attended**, and the weather **was** glorious. It **was** so much fun that we hope to go back there soon.

3. a

Yes, once. In 2009 I **appeared** in a film with Kenneth Branagh. I **only had** a small part, but **it was** lots of fun. I **haven't done it** since, but I would love to in the future.