

## Christmas Shopping Dialogue

James	(1) <i>Did you finish/Have you finished</i> your Christmas shopping yet?
Irene	Yes! (2) <i>I bought/I have bought</i> the last presents on Monday.
James	Oh that's good. So where (3) <i>did you go/have you gone</i> shopping?
Irene	At that big shopping centre in Bristol. There (4) <i>was/has been</i> a special bus trip there for the staff at my office.
James	Oh! I don't think (5) <i>I ever went/I've ever been</i> there. (6) <i>Was it/Has it been</i> it a good place to buy presents?
Irene	Yes. There (7) <i>were/have been</i> lots of bargains there. So, what about you? (8) <i>Did you buy/Have you bought</i> your turkey?
James	Well, sort of. (9) <i>I ordered/I've ordered</i> it from my local butcher's but I'll pick it up and pay for it on Christmas Eve.
Irene	Oh that's a good idea. What about your tree? (10) <i>Did you already/Have you already</i> put it up?
James	It's up but we (11) <i>didn't decorate/haven't decorated</i> it yet. We will probably do that this evening.
Irene	(12) <i>Did you buy/Have you bought</i> a real tree? (13) <i>I bought/I have bought</i> an artificial one last year, but I prefer the real thing.
James	I always buy a real tree. It looks so much nicer.
Irene	Yes, I may get one too. Well, if I don't see you, have a lovely Christmas.
James	And you. And a happy new year!

- Look at the above dialogue. Decide on the correct form in each case: present perfect or past simple.
- Check with your teacher. Then practise the dialogue with a partner. Swap roles.
- Now, with your partner, invent your own dialogue about preparations for a special celebration.

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### *Answers*

- 1 Have you finished
- 2 I bought
- 3 did you go
- 4 was
- 5 I've ever been
- 6 was it
- 7 were
- 8 Have you bought
- 9 I've ordered
- 10 Have you already
- 11 haven't decorated
- 12 Have you bought (either answer possible)
- 13 I bought