A FEW DAYS IN NEW YORK: GRAMMAR CHECK

Test your reflexes with using the Simple Past and the Present Perfect. Mark if the following sentences are correct or not.

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|  | Correct | Incorrect | Both the Simple Past and the Present perfect can be used. |
| 1. I have bought a tourist pass before I came to New York. |  |  |  |
| 1. I have seen some great things since I’ve been here. |  |  |  |
| 1. I did an amazing visit this morning. |  |  |  |
| 1. I bought a Subway Pass at the beginning of the week. |  |  |  |
| 1. I’ve been to New York twice. |  |  |  |
| 1. I have taken out health insurance before I left. |  |  |  |
| 1. I’ve spent all my money, I’m broke. |  |  |  |
| 1. Did you buy me anything nice in Manhattan? |  |  |  |
| 1. You are back from your holiday, how long have you stayed in NYC? |  |  |  |
| 1. The Empire State Building has been built in 1931. |  |  |  |

Now complete these e-mails with the correct tense.

*One day after arriving back from vacation:*

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| Dear Laura,  I’m glad to hear that you ………………………..back safely from the States.  have arrived / arrived / both are acceptable.  I’m sure you ……. a great time.  Have had / had / both are acceptable.  Here at home, things are very much the same. For several days I ………………………..in the garden.  have worked / have been working / worked  I look forward to seeing your photos and hearing about your trip.  Love,  Mum xx |

*One month after arriving back from vacation:*

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| Dear John and Jane,  At last I have the time to drop you a line, since getting back from NCY I………………… …so busy!  was / have been  As you can imagine I……………………. a great time and ………………….so many “awesome” things.  had / have had/both have seen / saw/ both  I really love the Big Apple. It ……….. a great trip.  was / has been/ both  Anyway, I hope you guys are well and I look forward to catching up with you next week end.  Love Laura xx |