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.
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| 1. I have seen some great things since I’ve been here.
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| 1. I did an amazing visit this morning.
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| 1. I bought a Subway Pass at the beginning of the week.
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| 1. I’ve been to New York twice.
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| 1. I have taken out health insurance before I left.
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| 1. I’ve spent all my money, I’m broke.
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| 1. Did you buy me anything nice in Manhattan?
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| 1. You are back from your holiday, how long have you stayed in NYC?
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| 1. The Empire State Building has been built in 1931.
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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 / workedI 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 beenAs you can imagine I……………………. a great time and ………………….so many “awesome” things.  had / have had/both have seen / saw/ bothI really love the Big Apple. It ……….. a great trip. was / has been/ bothAnyway, I hope you guys are well and I look forward to catching up with you next week end.Love Laura xx |