

PAST SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by using either the present perfect or past simple tense.

e.g. I _____ (visit) my grandmother yesterday.

I visited my grandmother yesterday.

Sandra _____ (travel) abroad several times.

Sandra has travelled abroad several times.

1. A: Did you like did the movie "Star Wars"?

B: I don't know. I _____ (see, never) that movie.

2. Sam _____ (arrive) in San Diego a week ago.
3. My best friend and I _____ (know) each other for over fifteen years.
4. Stinson is a fantastic writer. He _____ (write) ten very creative short stories in the last year. One day, he'll be as famous as Hemingway.
5. I _____ (have, not) so much fun since I _____ (be) a kid.
6. Things _____ (change) a great deal at Coltech Inc. When we first _____ (start) working here three years ago, the company _____ (have, only) six employees. Since then, we _____ (expand) to include more than 2000 full-time workers.
7. Listen Ann, I don't care if you _____ (miss)

the bus this morning. You _____ (be) late to work too many times. You are fired.

8. In the last hundred years, travelling _____ (become) much easier and very comfortable. In the 19th century it _____ (take) two or three months to cross North America by covered wagon.

9. This tree _____ (plant) by the settlers who _____ (found) our city over four hundred years ago.

10. I _____ (visit, never) Africa, but I _____ (travel) to South America several times. The last time I _____ (go) to South America I _____ (visit) Brazil and Peru. I _____ (spend) 3 months there.

11. Cyril and Charles _____ (have) an aunt who left them a huge amount of money in her will 6 years ago. They

_____ (travel) around the world together 3 times since then!

12. Melissa _____ (have) an argument with her boyfriend. They still aren't speaking to each other.

13. Several times last week I _____ (hear) people talking about filling in their tax return forms. Even though I _____ (do) it many times before, I still get confused!

EXERCISE 2.

Put the verb in the correct form, present perfect (I have done) or past simple (I did)

e.g. *I've drunk ten cups of coffee today.*

I drank ten cups of coffee yesterday

1. Marion(buy) a new handbag last evening.
2. I.....(lose) my key. I can't find it anywhere.
3. The motorbike looks very clean.(you/wash)
it?
4. Why(Tom/ not(come) to our party yesterday?
5. Jim and Lucy are married. They.....(be) married for
30 years.
6. The weather.....(be) in the last few days, don't you
think?
7. Your hair is short.....(have) a haircut?
8. Tina lives in Italy. She(live) there all her life.
9. She doesn't know your sister. She.....(never/meet)
her.
10. I.....(be) ill several times last winter.

EXERCISE 3.

Answer the following questions using the words in brackets

e.g. *When did you last play tennis (for three months)*

I haven't played tennis for three months

1. When did it last snow? (for ages)

It.....

2. When did I last come here? (since Monday)

I.....

3. When did you last play rugby? (for two years)

I.....

4. When did you last drink Moscato? (for a long time)

I

5. When did you last study? (since last Winter)

I

EXERCISE 4.

Complete the sentences by writing the correct form of the verb.

Earn	buy	cost	meet	have
be	sell	lose	break	

e.g. I went to Manchester yesterday .

1. My flat _____ £50.000 in 1976.

2. Last winter they _____ so much money that they

_____ a boat.

3. The weather _____ very fine in the last few weeks.

4. Tom _____ all his paintings today.

5. I can't find my glasses. I _____ them.

6. I _____ my leg.

When _____ you _____ it?

7. It is the first time she _____ her boss outside the office.

8. (you/have) _____ a holiday this year?

EXERCISE 5.

Complete the following questions by using the correct form of the verb in bracket.

e.g. Have you ever been to Scotland?

1. _____ she _____ doing the cleaning yet? (finish)
2. _____ they _____ their grandparents last summer? (visit)
3. _____ you ever _____ to the USA? (be)
4. When _____ he last _____ his brother? (meet)
5. What _____ the weather like in Rome last month?

EXERCISE 6.

Complete the sentences using the Present Perfect or the Past

Simple

1. How long _____ Paul _____ in Germany? Since 1970. (to live)
2. What time _____ you _____ work yesterday? (to finish)
3. This morning I _____ up at 7:30. I _____, _____ and then I _____ breakfast. (to get/to wash/to dress/to have)
4. “ _____ you _____ Elisabeth recently?” “No, I haven’t” (to see)

5. Bob _____ his keys. He can't find them now.
(to lose)
6. Gina and Alexander _____ home twenty
minutes ago. (to go)
7. Where _____ you _____ on holiday
last year? (to go)
8. I _____ with my husband in Singapore
for five years. I really enjoyed living there. (to live)
9. "How long _____ he _____ in Edinburgh?" "He
_____ in Edinburgh for two years now." (to
be/to be)
10. The children _____ TV yesterday. (not
watch)

11. The weather _____ good yesterday so we
_____ football. (not be/ not play)
12. “ _____ you ever _____ a horse?”
“Yes, I have.” (to ride)
13. “I can’t find Jenny. Where _____ she
_____?” (to go)
14. Once upon a time there _____ a beautiful princess
who _____ in a beautiful castle... (to be/ to live)
15. When I _____ there, the meeting had already
started.
16. Robert’s father _____ two years ago. (to die)
17. This is the second time I _____ him
sing. (to hear)

18. “ _____ you already _____ ?” “Yes, I’m ready to leave.” (to pack up)
19. _____ you _____ Linda this week? (to see)
20. There _____ fireworks at Edinburgh Castle last night. (to be)

EXERCISE 7

Complete the following sentences using the Present Perfect or Past Simple.

1. _____ you ever _____ (eat) Indian food? It's really spicy.
2. _____ you _____ (see) Georgina? She looks so different. She _____ (cut) her hair?
3. I _____ (visit) Spain five times last year for work.
4. I _____ (visit) Spain five times.
5. They _____ (not/work) in that company for over three years
6. Fred _____ (be) always late for work until the company decided to give him a written warning.

7. She _____ (never/be) late for work since she _____ (start) in this company.
8. _____ we _____ (manage) to finish the report in time?
9. They still _____ (not/phone) to tell us the news.
10. When _____ they _____ (arrive) at the airport?
11. How long _____ you _____ (wait) for him yesterday?
12. _____ you _____ (live) here long?
13. I _____ (not/have) my driving license for long. I _____ just _____ (pass) my test.
14. How long _____ you _____ (have) your license?
15. I _____ (go) to the cinema three times this week.

16. Where's Hilda? She _____ (go) on holiday. She'll be back in two weeks.
17. _____ you _____ (see) George lately? He's so brown. He _____ (be) on holiday to Greece.
18. Today I _____ (be) to six different places in town and it's only 13.00. What a busy day!!
19. She _____ (have) breakfast four hours ago.
20. They _____ only just _____ (have) breakfast and they're already hungry.
21. We _____ (not/finish) _____ our homework yet.
22. The last time I _____ (go) to the cinema _____ (be) two months ago.

23. Look at my finger! I _____ just _____ (cut) it.

24. How many letters _____ you _____
(send) yesterday.

25. (It's 11.00 am) This morning, I _____ (phone) lots of
clients but I _____ (not/can) to sell anything. What a
terrible day!

PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS Vs PAST SIMPLE

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets

1. “I _____ (WRITE) Christmas cards all morning.”

“Oh, really? How many _____
(WRITE)?”

2. “_____ (YOU/EVER/BE) to Paris?”

“Yes, I _____ (GO) last year with my friend Jane.”

3. How long _____
(SARAH/STUDY) English?

4. Last year I _____ (GO) on holiday to Tunisia.
5. Sorry I'm late. _____ (YOU/WAIT) long?
6. Mum, can you please take me to hospital? I _____ (CUT) my finger and it won't stop bleeding.
7. My brother _____ (BREAK) his knee while he was playing football last year. It took him six months to recover.
8. "You look very nice. _____ (YOU/HAVE) your hair cut?"
9. I _____ (RUN) in the park for one hour without

stopping. I'm exhausted!

10. [At 11 am] I _____ (NOT/HAVE)

any breakfast this

morning. I'll pop in the bar for a quick cup of coffee.

11. It was such a busy day yesterday! I

(NOT/EVEN/HAVE) time to eat...

12. Charles Dickens _____ (WRITE)

Great Expectations.