



# PAST SIMPLE VS PRESENT PERFECT

## Past Simple

**Form:** Subject + past form of the verb (usually ending in -ed for regular verbs).

Examples:

- I visited Paris last year.
- She finished her homework yesterday.

Use:

1. **Completed Actions:** Use the past simple for actions that happened and finished in the past.
  - Example: "He traveled to Japan in 2010."
2. **Specific Time:** Use it when the action happened at a specific time in the past.
  - Example: "They met on Friday."
3. **Series of Completed Actions:** Use it to list actions that happened one after another.
  - Example: "She woke up, brushed her teeth, and had breakfast."

**Keywords:** yesterday, last week, in 1995, when I was a child, etc.

## Present Perfect

**Form:** Subject + has/have + past participle (third form of the verb).

Examples:

- I have visited Paris three times.
- She has just finished her homework.

Use:

1. **Unspecified Time:** Use the present perfect for actions that happened at some point before now, but the exact time is not important.
  - Example: "I have seen that movie already."
2. **Experience:** Use it to talk about life experiences without specifying when they happened.
  - Example: "Have you ever been to London?"
3. **Recent Actions:** Use it to talk about actions that have recently been completed.
  - Example: "I have just finished my lunch."
4. **Continued Actions:** Use it for actions that started in the past and are still happening now.
  - Example: "She has lived here for five years."

**Keywords:** ever, never, already, yet, just, recently, since, for, etc.

## Comparing the Two Tenses:

1. Specific Time (Past Simple) vs. Unspecified Time (Present Perfect):
  - Past Simple: "I saw that movie last night."
  - Present Perfect: "I have seen that movie."
2. Completed Action (Past Simple) vs. Life Experience (Present Perfect):
  - Past Simple: "He worked there in 2015."
  - Present Perfect: "He has worked there before."
3. Finished Action (Past Simple) vs. Recent Action (Present Perfect):
  - Past Simple: "She finished her homework yesterday."
  - Present Perfect: "She has just finished her homework."
4. Single Occurrence (Past Simple) vs. Continuing Action (Present Perfect):
  - Past Simple: "They lived in London for a year."
  - Present Perfect: "They have lived in London for a year."

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## Past Simple vs. Present Perfect

A. Make sentences from the words in parentheses. Use the past simple or present perfect.

1. (I / not / see / that movie / yet) \_\_\_\_\_
2. (she / live / in New York / for five years) \_\_\_\_\_
3. (they / go / to the beach / last weekend) \_\_\_\_\_
4. (we / not / finish / our project / yesterday) \_\_\_\_\_
5. (he / read / this book / already) \_\_\_\_\_
6. (you / ever / be / to London?) \_\_\_\_\_
7. (the weather / be / cold / last week) \_\_\_\_\_
8. (I / lose / my keys / recently) \_\_\_\_\_
9. (she / write / three essays / this month) \_\_\_\_\_
10. (they / never / travel / outside the country) \_\_\_\_\_
11. (we / have / four meetings / so far) \_\_\_\_\_
12. (he / not / call / me / since last Monday) \_\_\_\_\_
13. (I / just / finish / reading / that book) \_\_\_\_\_
14. (you / visit / the new museum / yet?) \_\_\_\_\_
15. (the company / not / announce / the results / yet) \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher's Key

1. I haven't seen that movie yet.
2. She has lived in New York for five years.
3. They went to the beach last weekend.
4. We didn't finish our project yesterday.
5. He has already read this book.
6. Have you ever been to London?
7. The weather was cold last week.
8. I have lost my keys recently.
9. She has written three essays this month.
10. They have never traveled outside the country.
11. We have had four meetings so far.
12. He hasn't called me since last Monday.
13. I have just finished reading that book.
14. Have you visited the new museum yet?
15. The company hasn't announced the results yet.