



PRESENT PERFECT VS PAST SIMPLE

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1. What's wrong?

Read each conversation. Find the mistake and correct it.

Conversation 1	Conversation 2	Conversation 3
A: Have you ever visited London? B: Yes, I have. I have went there in 2022. A: Did you like it? B: Yes, I did.	A: Did you ever eat Thai food? B: Yes, I have. A: When have you eaten it? B: I ate it last week.	A: Have you finished your homework? B: Yes, I finished it ten minutes ago. A: Great! Is this conversation correct or incorrect? Explain why.

Conversation 1: _____

Conversation 2: _____

Conversation 3: _____

2. Choose the best answer

- "Have you ever been to Korea?"
 - Yes, I went last year.
 - Yes, I have. I went last year.
 - Yes, I have went last year.
- "When did you start learning English?"
 - I have started when I was ten.
 - I started when I was ten.
 - I have start when I was ten.
- "Have you finished the report?"
 - Yes, I have just finished it.
 - Yes, I finished it yesterday already.
 - Yes, I have finish it.
- "Did you see Anna yesterday?"
 - Yes, I have seen her.
 - Yes, I saw her.
 - Yes, I have saw her yesterday.
- "Have you ever tried sushi?"
 - No, I never tried it.
 - No, I haven't.
 - No, I haven't tried it last year.

3. Tell the story

Read the information.

Maria's week

- Monday – started a new job
- Tuesday – had lunch with her new colleagues
- Wednesday – bought a new laptop
- Thursday – finished an important project
- Friday – went out with friends
- Saturday – visited her parents
- Sunday – stayed home

Now tell your partner about Maria's week.

Use the **Past Simple** because these are finished events.

Then answer:

What has Maria done this week?

Use the **Present Perfect** to talk about her experiences/results this week.

Try to make at least **five sentences**.

4. Final Challenge – Interview Your Partner

Ask your partner these questions.

1. Have you ever travelled alone?
2. Have you ever lived in another city?
3. Have you ever learned a difficult skill?
4. Have you ever done something that scared you?
5. Have you ever met someone interesting while travelling?
6. What did you do last weekend?
7. Where did you go on your last holiday?
8. What did you eat yesterday?
9. What was the last film you watched?
10. When did you start learning English?

Final rule

After the interview, tell the class three things you learned about your partner.

Try to use both tenses.

Example:

“Maria has travelled to three countries. She went to Japan in 2024. She has never travelled alone.”

Teacher's Key

Activity 1

Conversation 1

Incorrect:

"I have went there in 2022."

Correct:

"I went there in 2022."

Reason: 2022 is a finished time → Past Simple.

Conversation 2

Better:

A: Have you ever eaten Thai food?

B: Yes, I have.

A: When did you eat it?

B: I ate it last week.

Reason: **Have you ever...?** asks about experience. **When did...?** asks about a finished event.

Conversation 3

Correct.

"Have you finished...?" asks about the present result.

"I finished it ten minutes ago" gives a finished past time.

Activity 2

1. b
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. b

Activity 3

Possible answers:

Past Simple

- Maria started a new job on Monday.
- She had lunch with her new colleagues on Tuesday.
- She bought a new laptop on Wednesday.
- She finished an important project on Thursday.
- She went out with friends on Friday.
- She visited her parents on Saturday.
- She stayed home on Sunday.

Present Perfect

Possible answers:

- Maria has started a new job this week.
- She has had lunch with her new colleagues.
- She has bought a new laptop.
- She has finished an important project.
- She has visited her parents.

Answers may vary depending on which events students choose.