

Past simple / present perfect – 12

a) Revise the rules of use:

1. We use the **simple past** for actions finished in a past period of time, **when the time is important**, with time expressions like “in the 15th century”, “last night”, “in 1945”, “ten days ago”, “yesterday”,....:

I went to London last year.

We use the **present perfect** for actions finished in an undetermined moment in the past, with adverbs like “ever”, “never”, “just”, “already”, “yet”, “recently”, “lately”,... **when the time is not important**:

I have been to London three times.

I have already seen that film.

2. We use the **simple past** with actions that started and finished in the past:

The Arabs lived in Spain for seven centuries.

They lived in Spain from the 8th to the 15th centuries.

(= They don't live in Spain any longer).

We use the **present perfect** for actions that started in the past and continue in the present:

The Irish have always lived in Ireland.

The Anglo-Saxons have lived in Great Britain since the 5th century.

(= They still live in Great Britain).

b) Choose the correct tense (past simple or present perfect):

1. His parents ____ give ____ him a new mobile phone for his birthday last week, and he ____ already scratch ____ its screen. He's so careless!

2. I ____ buy ____ a book last month, but I ____ not read ____ it yet.

3. In 1066 William the Conqueror _____ invade _____ England and _____ become _____ the new king. A lot of French words _____ enter _____ the English language since then.
4. I _____ not do _____ my homework today because I _____ leave _____ my book at school yesterday, and this morning I _____ not can find _____ it.
5. I _____ switch _____ the computer on, but it _____ not start _____ yet. It is really slow!
6. _____ you ever _____ see _____ a theatre play? I _____ go _____ to see a comedy last Saturday, and it _____ be _____ really funny! We _____ not can stop _____ laughing the whole time!
7. I _____ just see _____ your sister, she _____ be _____ at the library, but I _____ not speak _____ to her.

8. This is a bit boring. Last week he
_____ invite _____ twelve people to his
birthday party, but only two
_____ come _____.
9. I _____ never eat _____ at a Japanese
restaurant, but my parents
_____ have _____ dinner in one last
weekend.
10. — _____ you _____ see _____ Alice?
— Yes, she _____ leave _____ a
parcel on your desk five minutes ago.

d) Now listen to check your answers.
Correct the wrong answers, please.