

Past Simple Present Perfect

FORM

Subject+Verb -ed/
irregular verb
Subject+didn't+infinitive
He watched TV.
He didn't watch TV.
Did he watch TV?
She wrote a poem.
She didn't write a poem.
Did she write a poem?

USAGE

Yesterday, a week ago, last year...

a) an action is already over

We visited a museum yesterday.

b) repeated action in the past

Every morning she did her exercises.

c) a succession actions in the past

One hour ago he locked his door and left the house.

FORM

Subject+have/has+past
participle
He has watched TV.
He hasn't watched TV.
Has he watched TV?
They have written a poem.
They haven't written a poem.
Have they written a poem?

USAGE

Just, yet, already, of late, since ;
when, until, before, after...

a) a completed action connected with the present

I have lost my keys, I'm sad now.

b) an action isn't finished

We have lived here for 3 years. (we still live here)

c) no time marker

He has been to Greece.

Past simple or present perfect:

Tom _____ (see) that movie three times already.

I _____ (read) yesterday's newspaper, but I _____ (read, not) today's.

The students _____ (have) eight exams last month.

The students _____ (have) eight exams this month. [The month hasn't ended yet.]

The students _____ (have) eight exams in the last month.

They _____ (practice) for the concert for over three hours now.

_____ you ever _____ (be) to a professional football game?