

Present Perfect VS. Simple Past Tense

1. Complete the sentences using the verbs in parentheses. Use the present perfect where possible. Otherwise use the past simple.

1. I can't log onto the site. I 've forgotten (forget) my password.
2. The box is empty now. Somebody _____ (eat) all the chocolates.
3. I was supposed to bring the movie yesterday, but I _____ (leave) it at home.
4. Beverly _____ (go) to the store for some bread, but she's back at work now.
5. "Is everything ok?"
"Yes. I _____ (stub) my toe earlier, but it's fine now."
6. Can you call an ambulance? I _____ (break) my leg.

2. Are the underlined parts of the sentences right or wrong? Correct them where necessary.

1. Here's some news! Ben's closed his store. OK
2. I don't have my pendrive right now. I've lent it to Andre. _____
3. Where has Rachel gone to school as a child? _____
4. Who has made the first TV? _____
5. Corruption has become a big issue in Brazil. _____
6. His math book isn't here. He's forgotten it at school. _____
7. My great grandfather has worked in a paper mill. _____
8. The internet has gone down so I can't send emails. _____
9. Elvis has been the singer who has sold the most albums. _____

3. Complete the email with the past simple or present perfect of the verb in parentheses.

Hi there Mom and Dad!!

I ¹⁾ _____ (not / be) sure about the Girl's Science Summer Camp when I first heard about it, but I ²⁾ _____ (have) the most amazing time since I got here! And to think that it wasn't so long ago that I ³⁾ _____ (pack) my bags and ⁴⁾ _____ (kiss) you goodbye! Two weeks down and three to go!

Every day we have new guest speakers and the talks ⁵⁾ _____ (be) fascinating so far, at least until yesterday when Neil Degrasse Tyson ⁶⁾ _____ (have) to cancel because of a cancelled flight. Our camp leaders then ⁷⁾ _____ (decide) to bring us to the laboratory, and we ⁸⁾ _____ (make) eggshell geode crystals instead. Well, you know that I ⁹⁾ _____ (do) a lot of different experiments in my life, but this one ¹⁰⁾ _____ (be) truly cool, and unlike my chemistry experiments gone wrong, nothing ¹¹⁾ _____ (explode)!!!

The world of science sure ¹²⁾ _____ (change) a lot in the last few years! ¹³⁾ _____ (you / hear) about the discovery of water on Mars? Last August the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter ¹⁴⁾ _____ (use) an imaging spectrometer and ¹⁵⁾ _____ (detect) signs of hydrated minerals. This confirmed what NASA ¹⁶⁾ _____ (long / suspect)!!! We ¹⁷⁾ _____ (learn) so much about our Solar System since we first ¹⁸⁾ _____ (land) on the Moon and these are things that ¹⁹⁾ _____ (seem) impossible to study just one hundred years back!

This ²⁰⁾ _____ (be) such an amazing opportunity and I love every minute!

Lots of love,
Rebecca